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FEBRUARY 3, 1817 TO MAY 13, 1817

[166] In Common Council Feb^{y} 3rd 1817.

Present The Hon^{ble} Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres^{t}
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles	Peter A. Jay
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R. Smith	Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis	William Stone
Nicholas Fish	John H. Talman
Reuben Munson	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Abijah Arden. Praying an extention of Time for filling in a Lot was granted and the time extended four Weeks

A Letter from Captain Samuel Evans Commander of the United States Navy at this Station requesting to know if it would be agreeable to the Corporation for the Government of the United States to erect a Powder Magazine on the Pile or Block built in the East River opposite the Navy Yard was read and [167] laid on the Table. and his Honor the Mayor was Requested to write to Captain Evans and state to him that the Common Council are of Opinion that the Erection of a Powder Magazine at that place would be attended with danger to the Citizens of this place and their property

A. Petition from John Rogers requesting to be informed whether it is the Intention of the Corporation to take the block at Fulton Street (late Beekman Slip) as a Scite for a Market, as the knowledge of that fact is important to both Landlords and Tenants was read. Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Alderman Coles and agreed to

Resolved that if the Buildings standing upon the square of Land Bounded by Fulton Street. Front Street. Crane Wharf and the East River should become the Property of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty the same may be Occupied by Tenants until the first of May One thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Subject to the payment of a reasonable Rent to the Corporation from the time they may be invested with the Fee of the Ground

A. Petition of William Slam praying remission of a Penalty for

erecting a Building said to be against the Fire Law was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A. Petition of John V. Conklin for Stall [168] N° 10 Washington Market or for a Stall in Catharine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A. Petition of Patrick Monaghan for permission to keep his Stoop or Porch as now erected on the Street was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A. Petition of Isaac Jones complaining that the Assessors of Taxes have improperly Assessed his personal Property both in the ninth and in the fifth Ward and praying relief was read and Resolved that the Collector of the Ninth Ward be requested not to Collect said Tax but to return it among the list of Insolvents

A further Petition of Robert Carnley for remission of a fine under the Sunday Law. Accompanied with a report of the Testimony in the Cause was read and leave was given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition of the Proprietors of Ground to be taken for extending Hudson Street into Chamber Street requesting that no delay may take place in making said Improvement was read. Whereupon the Resolution proposed at last meeting by M^r^ Jay was called up and read in the words following and agreed to. Resolved that in Case the Commissioners [169] of Estimate and Assessment for opening Hudson Street from Duane Street to Chamber Street shall make a Report of such Estimate and Assessment. and in Case such Report shall be Confirmed by the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State. this Corporation will forth with proceed to carry the said Improvement into effect

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances which was passed, viz^t^

N° 1. Christian Wolfe Owner, Christian Hall Occup^t^	N° 1.	Gold S^t^	A Privy
2. Jn° G. Wendell Owner. Unica Le Roy Occup^t^	9	Gold S^t^	D°
3. Jn° G. Wendell Owner Jn° Edgerly Occup^t^	11	Gold S^t^	D°
4. W^m^ Lang Owner And Occup^t^.....	13	Gold S^t^	D°
5. M^rs^ Elizabeth Rutledge Owner. U. R. Scribner and George Clark Occupt^s^	15	Gold S^t^	D°

6. Thomas Stephenson Owner and Occup^{t} ..... 17 Gold S^{t} A Privy
7. Ja^{s} Thompson Owner Step^{n} Hoyt Occup^{t} ..... 19 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
8. M^{rs} Mary Saunders Owner & Occup^{t} ..... 22 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
9. Abraham Russell Owner. Jn^{o} Bedient Occup^{t} .....26 Gold corner of John Street D^{o}
10. R. Thomas Owner & Occup^{t}..... 42 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
11. Furman Field Owner. Sam^{l} Holcombe Occup^{t} ..... 47 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
12. Isaac Demilt Owner and Occup^{t}... 48 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
13. Joseph Fay Owner. Barret Strong Occup^{t} ..... 53. Gold S^{t} D^{o}
14. Jn^{o} Bingham Owner. Jn^{o} Kelso Occup^{t} ..... 56. D^{o} D^{o}
15. Sam^{l} Barton. Owner. Cath^{e} Downs Occup^{t} ..... 58. D^{o} D^{o}
16. Jn^{o} Parrott Owner. Isaac Rose Occup^{t} ..... 59 D^{o} D^{o}
17. [170] Sam^{l} Barton Owner. George Rhinhart Occup^{t}..... 60 D^{o} D^{o}
18. Henry Robertson Owner. M^{rs} C. Barton Occup^{t}....60 Gold Corner of Beekman N^{o} 43 D^{o}
19. Elisha W King Esq^{r} Owner, Tho^{s} Carrs Occup^{t} ..... 64 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
20. G. H. Van Wagenen Owner, Hubert Van Wagenen Occup^{t}..... 69. Gold S^{t} D^{o}
21. Valentine Luff Owner and Occup^{t}.. 78 Gold S^{t} D^{o}
22. John Parotte Owner and Occup^{t}.... Gold C. of Ann S^{t} D^{o}
23. Tho^{s} R Smith Esq^{r} Owner. Joseph Rose Occup^{t} ..... Gold C. Fulton S^{t} D^{o}
24. Edward Taylor Owner. Charles Cluret Occup^{t} ..... 23 Will^{m} S^{t} D^{o}
25. *Vander Giles* [Evander Childs] Owner. Jn^{o} D. Blanchard Occup^{t}. 18 Chatham Row D^{o}
26. *Vander Giles* [Evander Childs] Owner. Isaac Delamater Occup^{t}. 20 Chatham Row D^{o}
27. James Butler Lessee and Occupt... 28. D^{o} D^{o}
28. Peter Ellison Owner. E. Barton & C^{o} Occup^{ts} ..... 156 Broadway D^{o}

29. Thomas Carpenter Owner & Occup^{t}	176	Broadway	A Privy
30. Abraham Knapp Lessee & Occup^{t}..	198	D^{o}	D^{o}
31. Abraham Bloodgood Executor to the Estate of T. Mills Dec^{d} & Jos. Knight Occup^{t}	206	Broadway	D^{o}
32. Jn^{o} F. Delaplaine Owner		Broadway.	A Lot

George Cuming City Inspector

A Petition of Melatiah Nash. requesting permission to erect a Building in Broadway which the [171] Fire Wardens of the Fifth Ward had certified would not contravene the Fire Law was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

His Honor the Mayor as President of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour. presented the following Return of the Funds of that Institution

Statement of the Income of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour, arising from. Rents. Interest on funded Debt. and Dividends on Bank and Insurance Stock viz

1817.			
	Rents		
Jan^{y} 3	95 Lots at the Sailors Snug Harbour Annual Rent	1285.50	
	Mansion House at D^{o}	750...	
	House N^{o} 93. Front Street.....	387.50	
	Coopers Shop D^{o}	150...	
	House N^{o} 89. Water Street.....	500...	
	Lot and Wharf—South Street.....	450...	3523.
	Interest		
	On $1000 7 ℔ C^{t} Stock.....	70...	
	$6635.36 Old 6 ℔ C^{t}.....	530.83	
	1430.84 Deferred	114.46	
	723.42. 3 ℔ Cent.....	21.68	
	15.397.18. 6 ℔ Cent new Loan.....	923.95	1660.92
	Dividends.		
	On 222 Shares—Manhattan Bank Stock.....	1017...	
	78 Mechanics	175.50	
	33 Eagle Fire C^{o}.....	148.50	
	30 Mutual Insurance C^{o}.....	135...	1476.
			6659.92

Tho^{s} Farmar Trus

[172] His Honor the Mayor also informed the Board that the Trustees of said Institution were extremely desirous of extending the benefits of that Charity and as the Ground appropriated by the Will of

the Doner Mr Randall for the Seite of the Hospital Contemplated by him are in a thriving part of the City, they are of opinion that they might be advantageously disposed of and ground better adapted to such an Institution elsewhere procured at a far less price. whereby the funds of said Institution would be greatly advanced. and the benefits intended by the Doner greatly extended, they therefore wished the Common Council to take into their Consideration and Judge whether it might not be adviscable to apply to the Legislature for an Act to Authorise the Trustees to make that Disposition of the property. And if such should be the sentiment of the Common Council That the Trustees would cheerfully unite in such Application—Whereupon it was referred to his Honor the Mayor and Recorder to take such steps in the premises as they should judge adviseable

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on Assessment for opening the eighth. ninth and tenth Avenues. and for widening and improving Chapel Street. which were referred to the Committee on Assessments with Authority to direct the same to be advertised and sold according to Law

[173] The Comptroller on the Petition of William Stewart reported

The Comptroller Respectfully reports on the Petition of William Stewart referred the 13th January last praying to be refunded the amount of personal Tax paid by him to the Collector of the 2nd Ward, stating that during the time at which he was a resident of Newtown. he was Assessed and Taxed as aforesaid—It does not appear from Mr Stewarts Acknowledgment that he was Assessed at Newtown, and as he transacts business in this City altogether. although his Family resides in the Country there appears no good reason why his personal Estate should be exempt from Taxes. Should the principle be admitted many persons who may remove their families to the opposite shore of the City would evade the payment of the Ordinary Assessments. It is therefore Respectfully recommended that the Board do not concur with the Request of the Petitioner which Report was approved

Feb 3d 1817. G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

The Comptroller on the Petition of John Taylor reported.

On the Petition of John Taylor referred the 20th Ult^o the Comptroller Respectfully reports. The facts stated by Mr Taylor appear to be Correct he was a resident of the ninth Ward. at the time of [174] Assessment and has paid the Taxes to the Collector of that Ward. he was also Assessed for Personal Property at his Store in the second Ward.

It is respectfully Recommended that the Collector of that Ward be directed to return the amount of his Personal Tax with the list of Errors and delinquents
Feb 3d 1817. G N. Bleecker Compt^r

Which was approved and the Collector of the second Ward was Authorized to refund the same to M^r Taylor and to return it in the list of Errors & delinquents

The Comptroller on the Petition of Henry Major Reported

The Petition of Henry Major having been referred to the Comptroller on the thirtieth of December last. he Respectfully Reports.

That M^r Major was Assessed for Personal Estate in the eighth Ward where he says he resided at the time of Assessment the Sum of $10.000. And also in the fifth Ward the like amount. As he paid the Tax in the third Ward it appears equitable to Instruct the Collector of the Fifth Ward to return his personal Tax among the Delinquents and errors. The same is Accordingly Respectfully recommended
Feb^y 3d 1817. G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

Which was approved and the Collector of the second Ward was Authorised to return to M^r Major the amount [175] paid by him and to return the same in his return of Errors and delinquents

It having been stated that the Arbitrators in the Case of Ephraim Ginnings could not agree, and the Bond of Submission restraining them from appointing an Umpire until after the fifteenth Instant. it was Ordered that the Bond be so altered as that the Arbitrators may proceed immediately to the Appointment of such umpire, and that said umpire make his Report or Umpirage on or before the first day of March next

The Articles of Agreement with Robert Latimore which had been referred to the Road Committee was Reported by them to the Board and approved. and it was Ordered that the Street Commissioner or his Assistant be the Superintendant mentioned in said Articles to be Appointed on the part of the Common Council to see that the Conditions of said Agreement are performed on the part of said Latimore

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 22.

John Van Horn Blacksmith N° 247 Cherry Street 7th Ward vice James Dubois resigned

Benjamin Sands Grocer N° 42. Pike Street 7th Ward vice George Phillips resigned

[176] Fire Engine Company N° 4.

Cornelius Romain Grocer N° 155 Church Street 5th Ward vice William Robbins resigned

John C. Giffing Merchant N° 40 Chapel Street 5th Ward vice Levi Foshay resigned

William Winterton Taylor N° 16 Mulberry St 6th Ward vice Jasper Corning resigned

Moses Beadle Tallow Chandler 32 Gold Street 2d Ward vice James Rowland resigned

N° 6.

William Pearsall Grocer Corner of Church & Leonard Street 5th Ward vice Joseph Y Cooper resigned.

N° 25.

William Colgate. Tallow Chandler Dutch Street 3d Ward vice James Minell resigned

Thurston Cooper Cartman N° 217. William Street 4th Ward vice James M. Hoyt resigned

Patrick McGuire. Smith N° 112 Anthony St 5th Ward vice Jonah Tilley resigned

Sundry Petitions on the subject of widening Roosevelt Street together with two Remonstra[n]ces against opening said Street, and a Petition in favour of opening it were presented and read. The Committee to whom the Subject had been referred Reported

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a Number of persons Praying that Roosevelt [177] Street may be widened from Batavia Lane to the East River

Respectfully Report, That after a careful examination of the Subject with the reasons for and against the Improvement. are unanimously of Opinion that it would be of great advantage to that part of the City in particular, to have Roosevelt Street widened from Batavia Lane to the East River agreeably to a Plan accompanying this Report and that it be straightened from Water to Front Street. as shewn on the Plan which will tend to lessen the expence as Sylvanus Miller who owns the property on the Westerly side is willing to take the triangular piece of Ground. that will then be left between his property and the proposed line of the Street at a fair Valuation

3rd Feby 1817.

Reuben Munson
Arthur Burtis
A. H. Lawrence
Jn° McComb St Comr

Which was agreed to and the Counsel was directed to take the legal measures for carrying the same into effect

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of N C Everitt & others, praying that Brewers may be restrained from throwing their water in the Streets—Reported that he has duly considered the subject and is satisfied that the complaint against Brewers is well founded—there is also serious complaints against Dyers, Distillers Soap Makers & others who require large quantities of water in the line of their business—But it is much [178] more easy to complain than it is to find a remidy and the St Commissioner regrets that he cannot propose some effectual method whereby those in the vicinity of the manufactories may be relieved from the inconveniences they experience without proving injurious or perhaps fatal to several useful establishments in our City

The Occupants of Lots are now obliged to have their gutters cleared out after every fall of Snow—And he presumes the easier way to remedy the inconvenience during severe Frost is that the Manufacturers be compelled to let off their water during the day only and that it shall be their duty previous to letting the water run to have the gutters cleared out a sufficient distance below them so as to prevent the water from flowing over and freezing on the side Walks—He therefore respectfully proposes that the above be submitted to the counsel with a view of forming the basis of an ordinance to that effect

(Sigd) Jno McComb St Comssr

Which Report having been read, was approved and the Counsel was directed to report an ordinance agreably thereto

[179] The Committee on the Petition of John DeClew for a Lease of the Flag Staff at the Battery Reported that the same be rented to the Petitioner for the period of Three Years at a Rent of Four hundred Dollars per Annum Subject to the Restrictions made to the former Lessee—upon the Question of leasing for three Years a division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Yeas.....	Mr	Recorder	Nays.....	Aldn	Coles.
	Aldn	Conrey		"	Lawrence
	"	Burtis		"	Smith
	"	Munson		"	Fish
	Messrs	Brown		Messrs	Jay
	"	Stone		"	Underhill
	"	McQueen		"	Talman 7
	"	Cooper 8			

The Question was then taken on agreeing to the Report and was carried in the Affirmative, and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Lease therefor

Alderman Conrey from the Ferry Committee [180] on the Petition of Rodman Bowne Reported

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of the Catharine Slip Ferry beg leave to Report

That they have duly considered the Application of the Petitioner to the Common Council for aiding him in applying to the Legislature to Establish the ferriage at four Cents for each person and that they may be put on the same footing with the one Established at Fulton Slip. and also to prevent Shipping from lying opposite the Ferry Slip and Interrupting the passage of the Boats. all of which your Committee would recommend the granting to the Petitioner. but would not relieve him from keeping Barges on the said Ferry. for they do not think that the Community would be well accomodated without them.

All which is respectfully Submitted

New York Feb^{y} 3rd 1817. Peter Conrey } Committee
Chairman }

Which was Approved

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of Gurdon S. Mumford and others for permission to commute for a Quit Rent of Wheat reserved on their Lots of Common Lands was called up and agreed to as follows. That they have had the same under consideration & after having duly examined the subject conceive the prayer of the Petitioners reasonable & therefore recommend that they be [181] permitted to commute for the quit rents by paying such sum of money as at 6 per cent interest will produce an annual sum equal to the value of the wheat estimated at two & an half Dollars a bushel—And with the express understanding that the permanent revenue of the Corporation shall not thereby be impaired for which purpose they at the same time recommend that the monies arrising from such commutation be strictly applied to the sinking fund for the reduction of the City debt

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Smith
Reuben Munson
A H Lawrence

The Road Committee on the Petition of Amasa Spencer Reported

The Road Committee recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted so far as respects the forming of the Road. the other part of

the Application will be a subject better to be disposed of at some future day all which is submitted

Reuben Munson
Jn° B. Coles
Thomas Cooper
William Stone
J. Brown

New York Feb^{y} 3rd 1817.

Which was Approved

Alderman Munson presented the following Resolution which was agreed to*

[182] The Committee on the Petition respecting the opening of West St Reported That they have viewed the situation of the property in that part of the City where the contemplated improvement is asked for and are all decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the Petition should be granted with this alteration, that West St should be made from Courtlandt to Hubert St instead of Harrison St as prayed for in the Memorial and that the Street Commissioner take measures to have the same carried into effect and that it shall be commenced by the 15th day of June next

Sig^{d} A H Lawrence
William Stone
A L Underhill
Tho^{s} R Smith
Jn° M^{c}Comb

Which Report having been read was agreed to

[183] M^{r} Talman presented the following Resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that no person Appointed by the Custom House in this City to Measure Grain Salt Coal &c. shall be entitled at the same time to hold an Appointment for the like purpose under this Board

Alderman Smith presented the following which was agreed to.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to take charge of the Property belonging to the Corporation attending the Gas Light experiment

The Common Council then resumed the Consideration of the Revised Laws and after some time spent thereon the Board adjourned to meet on Monday next at four OClock

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	12177.97
Warrants not presented	3144.37
	$9.033.60

* Resolution not entered, although space was left for it.—ED.

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

R. Graves Asst Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 1st Inst	375.
Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspector 1 Mo 1 Inst and removing Nuisances	67.68
Wm J. Waldron Asst City Inspector 1 Mo 1st Inst	62.
[184] George Mills Asst City Insr 1 Mo 1st Inst	62.
Benjamin Hicks Do	62.
Jonathan Weeden Depy Street Commisr	54.
Samuel Hutchings Do	54.
John Smith Do	54.
Astin & Cochran Messengers 1 Mo 1st Inst	60.
Daniel H. Megie Keeper Pottersfield	46.50
G. Sickels Keeper City Prison & two Assts 1 Qr 1st Inst	350.
Matthias Crane late Keeper Penatentiory for House expences Ordered 7th Jany	250.
N. Phillips Advertising in Advocate 6 Mo 1st Inst	75.
Thos P. Low Printing One Month 1st Inst	60.50
Reuben Stevens posting Bills	10.70
G. Snethen Superg & Lighting Lamps for Jany	606.61
Wm Butler repairs to Pumps 2nd 5th 8th Wards	23.82
Robt Provoost Painting & Glazing Public Buildings	341.75
Hicks & Titus. Shingles Laths &c for repairs Do	247. 1
Benjn Birdsall Ironmongery for Engine houses	321.
N. & H Weed 1 Qr Rent Wharf Cortld St 1st Inst	75.
Joseph Dederer Interest on Bond 6 Mo 3rd Jany	126.71
John Bailey Acct paving Greenwich Street	500.
E. Bishop and others Commisrs widening Thompson St	154.
Charles Mooney repairg pavement at Intersecs	18.91
John M. Hull in full for Inspg paving Streets	31.63
Elizabeth Kip. award for second Avenue	160.
Henry Kip Award for second Avenue	100.
Jacob Morton. Receivg Clerk 2 Qrs and on Acct as Clerk Common Council	450.
	4799.82
Balance	4233.78

[185] In Common Council Feb^{y} 10th 1817

Present The Hon^{ble} Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles.	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes.	Anthony L. Underhill
Augustine H. Lawrence	John Brown
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	Robert M^{c}Queen
William Alburtis	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	George B. Thorp
Arthur Burtis	John H. Talman
Reuben Munson	Thomas Cooper
Nicholas Fish	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Oliver Halstead for an Appointment as Measurer of Grain was read and granted—Accompanied by a Resignation of William C Ballard a Measurer which was accepted

A Petition of Wright Carpenter for an Appointment of a Measurer of Lime. and of Jacob Blanck for an Appointment of Wood Inspector and of Jedediah [186] Hull for an Appointment of Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A. Memorial from Samuel Evans praying for a Grant for the Establishment of a Ferry from Gouverneur Street in this City, to Bridge Street on Long Island was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from Adam Marshall that the Sweeps may be restrained from crying out in the Streets was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

The Street Commissioner presented a Report recommending an Amendment to the Law respecting opening and widening Streets. so that the Corporation shall be vested with power to delay the Improvement for a certain period after the Report of the Commissioners has been confirmed by the Supreme Court was read and the Council was directed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature on the Subject and a Bill correspondent thereto

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances viz

N^{o} 1. Martin Aims, Owner & Occupant..	14	Little George S^{t}	A Privy
2. Philip Rhinelander Owner Ruth Hughes Occup^{t}	26	D^{o}	D^{o}

3. [187] Nehemiah Allen Trustee Jn° Blake Occup^{t}	44 Little George S^{t} A Privy		
4. Jn° Gardner Owner, Tho^{s} Lundaken and Joseph Flood Occup^{ts}.....	N°	2 Ferry Street	D°
5. David Bryson Owner, D^{r} Tho^{s} Van Beuren Occup^{t}	22.	Ferry S^{t}	D°
6. David Bryson Owner Ja^{s} Minell Occup^{t}	24	D°	D°
7. David Bryson Owner Geo. Slater Occup^{t}	25	D°	D°
8. Catharine Dick Lessee and Occup^{t}..	30	D°	D°
9. Catharine Byvanck Owner. Sam^{l} Hendickson and Oliver Hall Occup^{ts}	46.	Ferry S^{t}	D°
10. Peter D. Turcot Lessee and Occup^{t}.	79	Maiden Lane	D°
11. M^{rs} Abigail Rhodes Owner & Occup^{t}	81.	D°	D°
12. M. Mygatt Owner Ja^{s} Anderson Occup^{t}	106.	Beekman S^{t}	D°
13. Evander Childs Owner, Jn° Kemp Occup^{t}	11	Ann S^{t}	D°
14. Evander Childs Owner Rob^{t} Nesbit Occup^{t}	11½	D°	D°
15. M^{rs} Ann White Owner Arth^{r} Halliday Occup^{t}	13	D°	D°
16. Robert Davis Lessee and Occup^{t}...	14	D°	D°
17. M^{rs} Ann White Owner. Henry Barnes occup^{t}	15	D°	D°
18. Tho^{s} Lyon Owner. Siras Tredwell Occup^{t}	23	D°	D°
19. W^{m} Calendar Owner Step^{n} L Terlot Occup^{t}	29	D°	D°
20. Jn° L. Everit Owner, Geo. Bunce Occup^{t}	61.	D°	D°
21. Mich^{l} Price Owner. Th° Jenkins Occup^{t}	64.	D°	D°
22. W^{m} Smith Owner, Abel W. Adriance Occup^{t}	67.	D°	D°
23. W^{m} Baker Lessee and Occup^{t}.....	68	D°	D°
24. Jn° Anderson Owner. Isabella Cox Occup^{t}	71.	D°	D°

25. Jn° Bedient Agent W^m Spies Occup^t	78	Fulton S^t	A Privy
26 Jane Rayner Owner & Occup^t.....	79	D°	D°
27. M^rs Betsy Dobbs Owner. Sarah Hunt Occup^t	81	D°	D°
28. [188] Nath^l Funk Owner & Occup^t.	86	D°	D°
29. Matthias Bruen Owner W^m W. Cowan Occup^t	87½	D°	D°
30 Matthias Bruen Owner, Sam^l C. Livingston Occup^t	89	D°	D°
31. W^m Hardenbrook Jun^r Owner & Occupant	90	D°	D°
32. Jn° Halstead Owner & Occupant...	104	D°	D°
33. W^m H Imlay Owner and Occup^t...	108	D°	D°
34. Jacob Tabele Owner and Occup^t....	111	D°	D°
35. J. R. Wheaton Owner and Occup^t..	114	D°	D°
36. Rich^d Riker Esq^r Owner & Occup^t..	129	D°	D°
37. Gilbert H. Gamage Owner, W^m Jones Occup^t	135	D°	D°
38. M^rs Isabella Norton Owner & Occup^t	137.	D°	D°
39. Rich^d Riker Esq^r Agent. Edmund Elmendorf Occup^t	143.	Fulton S^t	D°

George Cuming City Inspector

Which were passed

A Petition of Henry W. Freeman Complaining of an Assessment upon him for a Pump was read and Referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioners

A Memorial of Merchant Tailors and ready made Clothes Salesmen. Complaining of certain persons. Hawking ready made Clothes about the Streets for Sale was read and referred to Ald^n Alburtis Ald^n Mapes Ald^n Munson

[189] A Request from Sundry Inhabitants of Georges Square requesting to be informed when the Contemplated Improvement of enlarging said square was to take place was read and laid on the Table

The Committe on the Petition of Charles Monell presented the following Report which was Read

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Monell praying an exclusive privilege for a limited time of laying Copper pipes in certain Public Streets of the City for conveying inflamable Gas. and proposing to furnish a competant supply thereof for lighting the Public Lamps in said Streets upon reasonable terms

Report.

That the Recent experiment made by the Corporation under the Inspection of the Committee and the Immediate Superintendance of Doctor Hare. have demonstrated the practability of using inflamable Gas for the purpose of obtaining a safe and brilliant light. and of applying the same as well to Public and private building as to the Public Lamps of the City. That a Number of the Citizens sensible of the Importance of this valuable Improvement have formed an Association for Introducing the same into their Stores and Dwellings and have for this purpose entered into a Contract with the Petitioner who has therein stipulated to erect suitable Buildings and apparatus within the present Year for the Distellation of Coal [190] and to furnish and convey by means of Copper pipes a regular and compleat supply of Inflamable Gas to their respective buildings for lighting the same provided the Consent of the Corporation to his laying the Pipes in the Public Streets, to his keeping them in repair and removing them at the expiration of the term be first obtained

That the District contemplated to be thus lighted is the Bowery to Bayard Street Division to first Street, Chatham to Duane S[t] Pearl Street from Chatham to the Friends Meeting house and the whole of Catharine Street within which the Petitioner offers to the Corporation to furnish from the main pipe a Constant and regular supply of Inflamable Gas. for lighting the Public Lamps within said District for the Term of seven Years at the rate of $10 annually for each Lamp and that there shall be three lights or blases to each of the ordinary length of those used in Youles Manufactory—The Corporation to be at the expence of Conducting the Gas from the main Pipe to the Lamps and of lighting and extinguishing the same.

The Committee having duly considered the Subject recommend that the Prayer of the Petition be granted

Respectfully submitted

Samuel Akerly Nicholas Fish
Arthur Burtis Th. R. Smith

Feb[y] 10[th] 1817

[191] Resolved that the above Report be agreed to on Condition that so much thereof as relates to the Public Lamps be in the discretion of the Corporation to adopt or reject the same, and that the laying of the Pipes shall be subject to the direction of the Street Commissioner—Which was agreed to

The Committee on the Petition of Montgomery R. Bartlett praying

for the use of the Room over the Fire Engine House in Beaver Street presented a Report unfavourable to Petitioner. which was read and disagreed to. It was then Resolved that it be referred to the Comptroller to Rent the same

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Subject of procuring a Lot for an Engine House Reported,

That they have presented a Map of a Lot that your Committee believes a very suitable one on the corner of Hudson and Christopher Streets. which can be obtained for Twelve hundred and fifty Dollars,

Therefore Resolved that they be Authorized to purchase the same

Arthur Burtis
A. L. Underhill
Robert McQueen

Which was approved

[192] The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith. and agreed to

Resolved that it be referred to a select Committee to consider and Report on the expediency of changing the present plan of affording Medical Assistance in the Alms House and Hospital at Bellevieu and to the Prisoners in the Penitentiary and the following Committee was appointed—Aldn Smith—Munson Mr Akerly.

His Honor the Recorder after some preliminary Observations presented the following Resolution.

Whereas a Resolution was submitted in Common Council on the 6th of November 1815. in the words following "Resolved that the Committee of Defence be requested to Report by the next meeting of this Board the Nature progress and present state of the Loan of $400.000. made to the Governor of this State on the 23d of December last and the Security agreed to be given therefor" And in pursuance of such Resolution a part of the said Committee. did on the 20th of the said Month make their Report in Writing. which hath been entered at length upon the Minutes of this Board

And Whereas the said Report does in the Opinion of the Common Council unjustly impeach the Conduct of his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins in relation to the said Loan by insinuating that he [193] had received the amount thereof from the General Government in Treasury Notes. or had made such representation for the purpose of obtaining the Loan from the Corporation and afterwards withheld such Treasury Notes—Which Imputation may in the lapse of time when facts shall be forgotten. throw a stain upon the Reputation of a

Magistrate who has in a distinguished manner entitled himself to public Confidence

And inasmuch as it is now a well known truth that the said Sum of $400.000 agreed to be paid by the Government of the U. States to this Corporation or the Treasury Notes to be pledged therefor. were at no time in the hands of his Excellency. but remained constantly in the National Treasury until the said Loan was paid by the U. States to this Board with Interest. the receipt of which appears by the Documents of this Board

Therefore Resolved that appreciating as we do the disinterested and Patriotic Interference of his Excellency in procuring for us at a season of great danger to our City the previous guaranty of the General Government for the said Loan. We deeply regret that the said Report should have been placed upon our files and we Order that the Original Report be destroyed. and that the Copy thereof with the proceedings thereon be expunged from the Minutes of this Board

Mr Lorillard moved that the Consideration thereon be postponed until the next meeting of the Board. The [194] *The* Question being taken thereon and a division called by Mr Lorillard it passed in the Negative as follows

Negative		Negative		Affirmative	
Mr	Recorder	Mr	Brown	Aldn	Coles
Aldn	Conrey	"	Stone	"	Lawrence
"	Smith	"	McQueen	"	Fish
"	Alburtus	"	Akerly	Mr	Lorillard
"	Buckmaster	"	Thorp	"	Underhill
"	Burtis	"	Cooper 13.	"	Talman 6.
"	Munson				

The Question being then taken on agreeing to the Resolution it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Affirmative		Negative	
Mr	Recorder	Mr	Brown	Aldn	Coles
Aldn	Conrey [195]	"	Stone	"	Mapes
"	Smith	"	McQueen	"	Lawrence
"	Alburtis	"	Akerly	"	Fish
"	Buckmaster	"	Thorp	Mr	Lorillard
"	Burtis	"	Cooper 13.	"	Underhill
"	Munson			"	Talman 7

Mr Lorillard then gave Notice that he would at the next meeting move for a Consideration of the Vote now taken.

The Board then adjourned to meet at Bellevieu on Tuesday next at ten OClock for the purpose of making the Quarterly Visitation of the Alms house Penitentiary &c

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	12.108.90
Warrants not presented	3.160.82
	$8.948. 8

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch 1st District	498.75
Walton & Hibberd do 2d	682.50
Norris & Anderson do 3d	670.25
Bleakley & Brower do 4th	413.
Joseph Leonard for List Coasting Passengers 6 Mo 1st Inst	25.
Jas Richardson Cleaning Wells 8th & 10th Wards	14.56
John Johnson. Blacksmiths Work 15th June to 31st Decr	643.71
Thos S. Brown Rent Engine House No 9. 7 Mo to 8 Jany	56.
[196] R. Munson Esqr Acct making Road the 3rd Avenue	2500.
J. McComb St Commisr to pay for Turf bought of S. Benson Jr for third Avenue	70.
Chas Mooney repairing Drain at James Street	64.42
Francis Passman Award for Thompson Street	60.
Benjn Townsend Award for Thompson Street	30.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of Repairs Acct Repairs	500.
	6228.19
Balance	$2719.89

[197] In Common Council Feby 19th 1817

Present The Honble Joseph Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles.	Peter Augustus Jay
Jonas Mapes.	Anthony L. Underhill
Augustine H. Lawrence	John Brown
Peter Conrey	William Stone
William Alburtis	Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis	George B. Thorpe
Nicholas Fish	John H. Talman
Reuben Munson.	Thomas Cooper

The Board met at Bellevieu agreeably to Adjournment

An Invitation was presented from the New York Literary and Philasophical Society to the Members of the Common Council, requesting their attendance at their Hall in the Institution. on Thursday next at seven OClock P. M. at the delivery of a Biographical discourse to

the Memory of the late Robert Fulton Esquire by Cadwallader D. Colden Esquire. Therefore Ordered that the said Invitation be Accepted

A Letter from John T. Irving Esquire one of the Members from this City now attending the Legislature at Albany to Alderman Mapes on the question [198] now pending before the Legislature respecting Auction Duties heretofore received to the use of the Corporation was read. Whereupon Resolved that the Subject be referred to the former Committee with the additions of Alderman Smith and Mr Jay and that the said Committee be fully Authorised to take such measures for the promotion of the views of the Common Council on said Subject as they shall Judge expedient

Ordered that Mr Jay be added to the Committee heretofore appointed on the Subject of the Hospital Fund

Ordered that a Warrant Issue in favour of the Superintendant of the Alms House for Five Thousand Dollars

The Board then proceeded to visit the various Departments of Bellevue Establishment after visiting the same they adjourned to meet on Monday next at four OClock

[199] In Common Council Febv 24th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles	Peter A. Jay
Peter Conrey	Anthony L Underhill
Thomas R Smith	John Brown
George Buckmaster	William Stone
Arthur Burtis	Robert McQueen
	John H. Talman

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

Petitions of Antipas Hathaway, Archibald C. Mills, Jonathan Solomon, and Henry C. Disbrow for appointments as Measurers of Grain was read & referred to the Committee on Applications

A Complaint of Isaac Auld against one of the Measurers with a request that the Attorney might be directed to prosecute the same, was referred to the Attorney of the Corporation

A Request of Cornelius Harsin that the amount of Fifteen hundred Dollars may be advanced [200] to him on the Sum awarded to Jacob Harsen in which Petitioner is interested. for Damages sus-

tained in widening Mott Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants Praying that the Corporation would Petition the Legislature for certain amendments in the Law respecting opening of Streets and Avenues was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Lieut Colonel James B. Murray Commanding the Corps of Artillery designated as the Batalion of Governors Guards Requesting from the Common Council the use of a Room for the Deposite of their Muskets was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs

A Letter from the Honble Walter Bowne Senator for the Southern District of this State to his Honor the Mayor, on the Subject of the Question now depending. respecting the Duties on Sales at Auction heretofore reserved to the use of the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on that Subject.

A Petition of William Pearce of the tenth Ward. stating that he has received from the Street Commissioner a Notice to remove his House [201] standing in Division Street and praying that it may be permitted to remain. as he has taken a Lease for four Years of the same. Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward

A Petition of Robert McComb requesting the Sanction of the Corporation to an Application to be made by him to the Legislature for the Grant of a Toll for the Passage of his Bridge was read and referred to Mr Jay Aldn Burtis Aldn Smith

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants in favour of an increase of pay to the Watchmen of the City was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Memorial of John Vanderlyn praying the Lease of a Lot on Broadway on the West side of the Old Alms House. to erect thereon a Rotunda for the exhibition of Paintings was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and places

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour was presented stating that they were about presenting a Petition to the Legislature (a Copy of which accompanied the Memorial) for the purpose of Authorizing the Trustees to Establish a Marine [202] Hospital in a Situation different from that proposed by the Testator under whose Will they Act. and Praying the Sanction of the Corporation thereto Whereupon the following Preamble and Resolution was agreed to

"A Petition from the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour to "the Honorable the Legislature with a Bill accompanying the same. "being presented and Submitted by the said Trustees for the Opinion "of this Board. Resolved that the Common Council do approve of "the same, and recommend the Application of the said Trustees to "the favourable attention of the Legislature"

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants of Long Island, was presented, stating that they understand a Petition was about to be presented to the Legislature Praying the Repeal of the Law passed at the last Session for the preservation of Fish in the Hudson River, and requesting the Common Council to sanction their Memorial against said Petition and being Read it was Resolved that this Corporation Respectfully Pray the Honorable the Legislature of this State to continue in force the Law of One thousand eight hundred and fifteen. Passed for the purpose of preventing the placing of Poles in the Navigable Waters of the Hudson River, and catching Shad by means of Gill Nets and other Nets of that kind

[203] A Memorial of Jacob Acker and George Shafer for Permission to exchange with each other Stalls N° 41 Catharine Market & 47. Washington Market was read & referred to the Market Committee

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer. certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company. N° 11.

Gabriel F. Mott Printer N° 101. Front Street 1st Ward vice. Cornelius C. Segoine resigned

N° 13.

John C. Hagerman Lawyer N° 211. Cherry Street 7th Ward vice Charles Orsborn resigned

Jacob C. Doty Accountant N° 7. Vandewater St 4th Ward vice Thomas N. Stanford resigned

N° 33.

Jasper Miller Boat Builder. Upper end Water Street 7th Ward vice Robert Brown resigned

N° 40.

Nicholas Anderson, Gardner. Upper end Orchard St 10th Ward. vice Benjamin Davis resigned

William Mallett House Carpenter Corner Jews Alley and Bancker Street 4th Ward vice William Romaine resigned

A Petition was received from Henry Rutgers Esquire, stating that he had received a Notice from the Street Commissioner that an Ordinance had passed directing Water Street to be Completed from Rutgers Slip to [204] Clinton Street. that upon viewing the premises the Petitioner finds there will not be a sufficient depth of Water unless his present Improvements be extended further into the River. That in the Year One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine. he Petitioned the Corporation for an Extention of his Grant from Water to front Street. which was referred but not acted upon. in Consequence of the range of Front Street not having been determined—The Petitioner therefore Requested that the Grant might now be made to him agreeably to the Prayer of his former Petition. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves. Piers and Slips, the Comptroller. and Street Commissioner

A Memorial of William Easton Jun^{r} Complaining of an Improper Assessment of Tax upon him was read and Referred to the Comptroller to Report

A. Communication was received from Judah Hammond Esq^{r} the Public Administrator of the City of New York. Containing the Exemplification of a Decree made by Jeremiah Lott. Surrogate of Kings County in the case of John Mullett a Seaman who died intestate, and requested the direction of the Common Council in the Premises—The Facts as stated in the Exemplification were that Mullett shipped as a Seaman out of a Portugese Vessel on board the [205] Private armed Brig Holker of New York whereof Jonathan Rowland was Master. during the Cruise and after making a Prize the Privateer was run ashore near Stonington to escape the British Cruisers, and the Intestate in attempting to gain the Shore was either drowned or Shot by the Enemy on or about the tenth of May One thousand eight hundred and thirteen. The Prize or Vessel C*u*[a]ptured arrived at Newport Rhode Island was Condemned and Sold and the Money received by the Marshal before the Death of the Intestate—It did not appear that the Intestate was ever in this State. he was a Foreigner had no Relations in the United States. nor did he leave any Goods and Chattels in this State—But on or about the seventeenth day of May One thousand eight hundred and fourteen. Robert Center a Partner of the Agent of the Privateer who was Dead. received without any legal Authority from the Intestate from the Marshal of Rhode Island District a Sum of money due Intestate for Prize Money and brought it into this City—Jonathan Rowland. Captain of the Privateer and a Creditor of the Intestate applied to the Surrogate of the County of

Kings for Letters of Administration—Judah Hammond as Public Administrator in the City of New York, claimed the right of Administration—The Surrogate of Kings County decided in favour of Captain Rowland. and Judah Hammond has appealed from the same to the Court of Probates of the State of [206] New York. Whereupon it was Resolved by the Common Council. That the Subject be Referred to the Council of the Board to Report his Opinion thereon

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward, praying the Corporation to apply to the Legislature to alter the bounds of the said Ward so that it may be enlarged was read and referred to a Committee consisting of the Recorder and the Aldermen of the Respective Wards

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution which was read

Whereas there has for several Years been a great inequality in the amount of the Population of the several Wards of this City which wards are equally represented in this Board

Resolved. that it be referred to a special Committee to Enquire into the propriety of Praying the Legislature to pass a Law, equalizing as nearly as may be the several Wards of this City

The Superintendant of Repairs presented the following. that the Expence of repairing the Cornice Gutters at the Old Alms House had been Fifteen hundred and eighty six Dollars. he recommended that the Street Commissioner should call on the different Tenants for their Proportion, which was approved

[207] The following report of the Street Commissioner was read

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of N. E Everitt and others Praying that the Brewers may be restrained from throwing out their Water in the night during hard Frost. Respectfully Reports that he has duly considered the Subject and is satisfied that the Complaint against Brewers is well founded—there is also serious Complaints against Dyers. Distillers Soap Makers and others who require large Quantities of Water in the line of their Business—But it is much more easy to Complain. than it is to find a remedy. and the Street Commissioner regrets that he cannot propose some effectual method whereby those in the vecinity of the Manufactories may be relieved from the Inconveniencies they experience without proving injurious or perhaps fatal to several useful Establishments in our City

The Occupants of Lots are now Obliged to have their Gutters cleared out after every fall of Snow. and he presumes the easiest

way of remedying the Inconvenience during Severe Frost is that the Manufacturers be compelled to let off their Water during the day only and that it shall be their duty previous to letting the Water run to have the Gutters cleared out a sufficient distance below them, so as to prevent the Water from flowing over and freezing on the side Walk— He therefore Respectfully proposes. that the above be Submitted to the [208] Council with a view of forming the Basis of an Ordinance to that effect

3rd Feby 1817. John M'Comb St Comr

The Attorney of the Board in behalf of the Counsellor Reports the draft of an Ordinance on the Subject of Casting Water into the Streets by Brewers Distillers &c Agreeably to the Direction of the Board on a reference to the annexed Report of the Street Commissioner

A. Sherman

1st Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council Convened. That it shall not be lawful between the first day of December and the first of April in any Year for any Brewer. Distiller Dyer Soap Maker or other person using large Quantities of Water. to cast or throw the Water from his Manufactory. Shop. House or Establishment into the Streets except between the Hours of eight OClock in the Morning and five OClock in the Afternoon And if any of the said persons his or their Servants or Agents shall Offend in the premises he or she shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty five Dollars

2nd And be it further Ordained that at all times whenever any of the above mentioned persons shall cast any such Water into the Streets. such person shall clear a Passage for the same along the Gutter of the Street. so that said Water shall not overflow [209] the Curbstone or side Walk in any part of such Street or the Street adjoining or adjacent. And every person Offending or Neglecting herein shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Dollars. Which was read by Paragraphs and passed

A Law to prohibit the exposure of certain Hand Bills in the Streets. presented on the thirteenth day of January last was called up and passed as follows

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council Convened. That if any person or persons shall place or cause to be placed exposed to the view of Passengers in the Streets of the City of New York, any Advertisement or hand Bill giving Notice of any persons having or professing to have

skill in the curing of any disease or of the Sale of any nostrum or Medicine every such person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty five Dollars

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication. recommending the purchase of a part of the Salt Marsh at Hallets point Long Island between the Ground owned by the Corporation at that place. and the Country Road. in order that they may construct a Road for the Accomodation of that Ferry [210] which was read and referred to him to enquire and Report as to the Quantity of Ground requisite. and upon what terms the same can be procured

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that among the property of Delinquents on Assessment for opening the third Avenue. Ordered to be sold on the sixth of March next are two pieces of Ground owned by the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Harlaem and requesting directions in the premises, which was read and laid on the Table

The Comptroller presented a Communication stating certain property of the Corporation which in his Opinion should be Sold or leased which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

He also presented a Communication respecting the usual Application to the Legislature for Authority to raise Money by Tax for the expences of the Current Year which was read and referred to the same Committee

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed viz

N° 1. Stephen Dando Lessee & Occup^{t}...N°	9	Maiden Lane	A privy
2 Jn° Graham Owner W^{m} Deforest Occup^{t}	15	D°	D°
3 John Ford Lessee & Occup^{t}.....	17.	D°	D°
4. [211] Ja^{s} S. Baily Lessee and Occup^{t}	21	D°	D°
5. J & A Geib Owners and Occupt^{s}....	23	D°	D°
6. Jn° M. Mason Owner M^{rs} G. Todd Occup^{t}	61	D°	D°
7. Jn° DeWint Owner Fran^{s} Wittenburgh Occup^{t}	75	D°	D°
8 J G Wendel Owner & Occup^{t}.....	77	D°	D°
9. W^{m} Shaw Owner. Peter Ammerman Occup^{t}	71.	D°	D°

10.	John G. Astor Owner. Peter D. Turcot Occup^{t}	N^{o} 79.	Maiden Lane	A Privy
11.	C. & J. D. Wolfe Owners & Occupt^{s}	87.	D^{o}	D^{o}
12.	W^{m} Cox Owner and Occup^{t}.....	91.	D^{o}	D^{o}
13.	Rob^{t} Lenox owner Rider & Banta Occup^{ts}	93.	D^{o}	D^{o}
14.	Israel Disosway Owner & Occup^{t}...	201.	Pearl S^{t}	D^{o}
15.	Jn^{o} Colvill Owner S. Baily Occup^{t}..	41	Maiden Lane	D^{o}
16	Jn^{o} Colvill Owner N. Peg Occup^{t}...	43.	D^{o}	D^{o}
17	Jn^{o} Colvill Owner Jn^{o} G. Aymar Occup^{t}	45	D^{o}	D^{o}
18.	Jn^{o} Watts Owner Jos^{h} Carman Occp^{t}	153	D^{o}	D^{o}
19.	Jn^{o} Watts Owner. W^{m} Clark Occup^{t}	157	D^{o}	D^{o}
20.	Step^{n} B. Munn Owner & Occup^{t}....	226	Pearl S^{t}	D^{o}
21.	Jn^{o} Bedient Agent. Amy Hubbs Occup^{t}	174	Water S^{t}	D^{o}
22	Jn^{o} Hunter Owner. G V Ludlow Occup^{t}	68	Cherry S^{t}	D^{o}
23.	Jn^{o} Hunter Owner. Gabriel V Ludlow Agent Henry Franklin Occup	70	D^{o}	D^{o}
24.	G & R Waite Owners. F. W. Dusenberry Occup^{t} .....N^{o}	30	Maiden Lane	D^{o}
25.	Jacob Sperry Owner. Mulden & Montgomery Occupt^{s}	78	Maiden Lane	D^{o}
26.	M^{rs} W. Byron Owner. Isaac Fairchild Occup^{t}	158	Maiden Lane	D^{o}
27.	M^{rs} W. Byron Owner. Moses Latham Occup^{t}	160	D^{o}	D^{o}
28.	Gerard Walton Owner, Levi Smith Occup^{t}	164	D^{o}	D^{o}
29.	M^{rs} W. Byron Owner. W^{m} Kelly Occup^{t}	154	D^{o}	D^{o}
30.	M^{rs} W Byron Owner. A Nivens Occup^{t}	156	D^{o}	D^{o}
31.	[212] M^{rs} W Byron Owner. Jn^{o} Lozier Occup^{t}	150	D^{o}	D^{o}
32.	J. Horsefield Owner. Sam^{l} Judd Occup^{t}	138	Maiden Lane	D^{o}
33.	G. Haight Owner & Occup^{t}.....	151	Water S^{t}	D^{o}

34. Thos Stephenson Owner. M. Cluis & Rustlier Occupts	82	Maiden Lane	A Privy
35 Ann Linningham Lessee & Occupt	58	Roosevelt St	Do
36. Saml Goodrich Owner & Occup	91	Division St	Do
37. Peter Smith Lessee & Occupt	80	Maiden Lane	Do
38. Geo. Charters Owner. J McClure Lessee. J Patterson Occupt	71	Reed St	Do
39 Hy. Andrews Lessee, A Putnam Occupt	68	Maiden Lane	Do
40 Hy Andrews Lessee and Occupt	70	Do	Do
41. Jno Robinson Lessee. Jno H. Pye Occupt	72	Do	Do
42. Jas Van Antwerp Owner & Occupt.	38	Do	Do
43 Morgan Lewis Esqr Owner Jas Marange Occupt	44	Maiden Lane	Do
44. G & R Waite Owners Roger Pegg Occupt	44	Maiden Lane	Do
45 C. Wolfe Owner. Lawrence Ackerman Occupt	42	Do	Do
46 Wm Merrill Lessee & Occupt	32	Do	Do
47 Mrs W. Byron Owner. C. Lozier Occupt	152	Do	Do
48. Mrs A Cortilyou Owner. Jas P. Faure Occupt	66	Do	Do

N Y. 24th Feby 1817. George Cuming Cy Inspr

Alderman Burtis presented a Resolution directing the Council of the Board to Report a Law to prevent the practice of Baiting Bulls and other Wild Animals, which was agreed to and the Council was directed to report a Law accordingly

Mr Talman gave Notice that he would [213] at the next meeting move that a Committee be appointed to consider and Report the Propriety of removing the Bridewell from its present Situation, and to select some suitable place to which the same may be removed

The Comptroller Reported.

Cash in the Treasury	8497.10
Warrants not presented	3030. 4
	$5467. 6

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch 1st Dist	498.75
Walton and Hibberd do 2d	682.50
Norris and Anderson do 3d	670.25
Bleakley & Brower do 4th	413.
G. N. Bleeck[er] Compr 1 Qr 15th Feby	500.
Thos Franklin Chief Engineer 1 Qr 18th	200.
Wm S. Smith Colr City Revenue 1 Qr 22d	200.
Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs 1 Qr 14th	225.
B Skaats Keeper City Hall 1 Qr 24 Feby & Expences of City Hall & Corporation	290.19
Jos. Varick Inspector Bread 1 Qr 17th Feby	98.50
Ogden Edwards going to Albany on Subject of Poor fund	250.
Jesse Dow Sleigh hire 19th Feby	21.75
P. Schermorhorn Interest on Bond 6 Mo 1st Feby	450.
Elisha W. King Intt on Bond 1 Year 1st Feby	128.45
Conrad Jordon work at Lamp Posts 3 Mo 1 Feby	25.37
Hugh Smith. balce paving Washington St	303.53
John Bailey Acct paving Greenwich St	200.
Mark Reid balce Well & Pump Reed St	107.
Thos Barnum Supg Piers at North River	27.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of Repairs to pay workmen	150.
	5441.29
Balance	$25.77

[214] In Common Council March 1st 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L. Underhill
Augustine H. Lawrence	William Stone
Peter Conrey	Samuel Akerly
Thomas R. Smith	John H. Talman
George Buckmaster	George B. Thorp
Arthur Burtis	

The Board met agreeably to adjournment took up the Consideration of the revised Laws and made considerable Progress therein

Ordered that the Committee on Laws be Authorized to cause so many Copies of the Law to be printed as they shall Judge Necessary for preventing and extinguishing Fires and such other Laws in relation to that subject as they shall consider expedient and proper

[215] In Common Council March 3rd 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles	Peter Augustus Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R Smith	William Stone
William Alburtis	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	George B. Thorp
Arthur Burtis	Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Warrant having been Issued in favour of Cornelius J. Bogert for award for damages for opening Cliff Street it was Ordered that the Warrant be placed in the hands of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner. to take such Measures on the Subject as they will judge expedient.

Four Memorials from Sund[r]y Inhabitants of Long Island recommending the granting the [216] Prayer of the Petition Samuel Evans for Establishing a Ferry at Gouverneurs Street was read and referred to the Committee on Former Petition viz Ferry Committee

A Petition of John Jackson for a Grant to Establish a Ferry from Walnut Street in this City to Gold Street on Long Island was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Communication from the Governors of the New York Hospital stating that they had appointed a Committee to communicate with the Common Council on a Subject interesting to said Hospital and the Alms House Establishment was read and the following Committee appointed to confer with said Committee of the Hospital—Aldn Thomas R. Smith Aldn John B. Coles Aldn Reuben Munson

An Account of the Officers attached to the Police Office for expences for Conveying Convicts to the Penatentiary amounting to Eighty one Dollars was read and the Comptroller directed to Report a Warrant therefor

A Petition of George Smith for remission of a Fine incurred under Pawn Brokers Law was [217] read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Lewis K Storms on the subject of a Suit against him under the Fire Law for a Building which he erected under the advice of the Fire Wardens Praying that the Suit may be discontinued was

read and referred to the Council of the Board the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Richard M. Norton for remission of a Fine under the Law regulating Inns and Taverns was read and granted

A Petition of Joshua Sands praying a reconsideration of his former Petition was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Royal Blood praying some employment under the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Request of the Assistant Society for pecuniary aid was read and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for One hundred and fifty Dollars.

A Memorial of Ephraim Ginnings praying payment of the Ballance due him on the award respecting [218] the first second and third Avenues. And the Report of the Umpire (Gideon Tucker) on said Arbitration awarding to said Ephraim Ginnings the Sum of Nineteen hundred and seventy seven Dollars and forty seven Cents was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A. Petition of Peleg Latham stating that he Sails generally out of this Port being a resident of Long Island. That on his last Voyage to Charleston he took his two Daughters out with him and brought them back with him that being informed at the Custom House that they were not considered as Passengers he did not report them. That he received a Letter from the Attorney of the Board stating that he had incurred a penalty by not reporting them that he paid the Attorney Six Dollars for Costs. He therefore Prayed that the fine if any be remitted. and that the Costs paid by him may be returned. Ordered that the fine be remitted

A. Petition of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey for privilege to construct a Vault in Chamber Street corner of Chatham Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual Terms

A Memorial of David Hunt prayin the Appointment of Measurer of Grain was read and granted

[219] A Petition of John Halsted for further time to pay Assessment on him for expences for opening & extending Fulton Street to Pearl Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, with Authority to grant the Prayer of the Petition

A Memorial of the Society of Shipwrights and Caulkers. praying the Corporation to grant a place of Deposit for a Minuature Ship of the line. constructed by them as a Specimen of the State of the Art of Ship Building and which was exhibited in the Procession on the fourth

of July last was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

A Remonstrance of Otis Taft and two Remonstrances from Owners and Occupants in Lispenard Street against the proposed Improvement in Lispenard Street was read and referred to the Committee on Streets

A Petition of Benedict Burtsell Innkeeper in the Bowery, praying to be permitted to Erect a Sign Post in front of his House, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Gurdon S. Mumford and others praying a Revision of the Report on their Petition for Commuting the Quit Rent reserved on their Lots [220] Alledging that the price of Wheat was Estimated at too high a Rate was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The following Persons were Appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Edward Simpson Murray Street 5th Ward vice John C. Marsh Expelled

David Carpenter Grocer Pearl Street 6th Ward vice James H. Guyon Resigned

N° 16.

George Decouse Florest N° 28 Liberty Street 2nd Ward vice A. L Missilier Resigned

Edwin Curtis Accountant N° 90 Maiden Lane 2nd Ward vice Neal G. Malcom Resigned

Finley Wright Carpenter N° 29 Cedar Street 2nd Ward vice John G. Mott Resigned

N° 30.

Abraham Delamater Shoemaker Greenwich & Spring St 8th Ward vice Benjamin Farrington Resigned

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances which were passed viz

N° 1. Jane Smith Owner. Peter Proal Occupt	15 Murray St	A Privy
2. Jn° Mowatt Owner. Mrs Joanne Patterson Occupt	N° 1 Franklin St	D°
3. Jn° Mowatt Owner. Josh Harrison Occupt	3 D°	D°
4. Ann Creighton Owner. E. Skinner Occupt	36 Orange St	D°

N° 5.	[221] Ann Creighton Owner. Jas Wirts Occupt			38	Orange	A Privy
6.	Jas Lyon Agent. Peter Rose Occupt.			7.	Second St	D°
7.	William Sherwood Owner & Occupt.			122	Division St	D°
8.	G. V. Ludlow Agent. Maria Keeler Occupt			344	Water St	D°
9.	G. V. Ludlow Agent. Jacob Heyer Occupt			346	D°	D°
10.	Mrs J. Stephens Owner. Maths Smith Occupt			4	Liberty St	D°
11.	Jennet Borlas Owner and Occupt...			6.	D°	D°
12.	H. Andrews Owner and Occupt....			7	D°	D°
13.	C. Wolfe Owner—Sadler & Ray Occupts			11	D°	D°
14.	G & R. Waite Owners.....			25	D°	D°
15.	G. & R Waite D°.....			27.	D°	D°
16.	Jn° Vache Owner & Occupt.....			28	D°	D°
17.	Abrm Russell Owner. Mrs Wishard Occupt			29.	D°	D°
18.	Mess Crigiers Owners Jane Simmons Occupt			35	D°	D°
19.	Jn° Newkirk Owner Wm Seger Occupt			43	D°	D°
20.	George Olcott Lessee & Occupt.....			47.	D°	D°
21.	Peter Williams Owner & Occupt....			53.	D°	D°
22.	Thos Hatton Owner Aaron Wood Occupt			57.	D°	D°
23.	Dr Wm Moore Owner. R. Jackson Occupt			58.	D°	D°
24.	G. McKay. Owner. Lewis Missillier Junr Occupt....			90.	Nassau St	D°
25.	D°	D°	Elisha Morrell Occupt	91.	D°	D°
26.	D°	D°	Jas Mackett Occupt	1	Little George St	D°
27.	D°	D°	Josh Gilpin Occupt	3.	D°	D°
28.	D°	D°	J. J. Lockwood Occupt	5	D°	D°
29	D°	D°	J. C. Marsh Occupt	7.	D°	D°

30	G. McKay.	Owner.	J. Houston	Occupt	9. Little George St	A Privy
31.	Do	Do	E. Juda	Do	88 Nassau St	Do
32	Do	Do	J. B. Wooley Occupt		89. Do	Do

New York 3rd March 1817.

George Cuming
City Inspector

[222] The Committee on the Petition of John Randel Junior presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on the Petition of John R Livingston presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table

The Committee to whom was referred to digest a plan for the Regulation of Greenwich Village reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of digesting a Plan for the Regulation of the Village of Greenwich

Respectfully Report that they have viewed the Ground, examined its elevation and depression and maturely considered the Subject. in all its bearings, and as a result of their deliberations Offer the following as the most feasible and least expensive manner of affording relief to the low Grounds in and about the Village of Greenwich viz. that the Sixth Avenue be Continued until it approaches the line of Carmine Street. That Carmine Street be widened to Seventy feet to its Intersection with Varick and Clarkson Streets agreeably to the Plan in the Map herewith presented—That the Streets of the Village be so regulated as to [223] throw the Water to the Eastward and Southward of Assylem Street into the sixth Avenue. That the Streets to the Northward and Eastward of Assylem Streets throw their Water into the Hudson River and into the Continuation of the sixth Avenue. Carmine and Clarkson Street, and that the Waters so thrown into the avenues be Conveyed on the surface as far as practicable and from thence to the River by a Common Sewer

Your Committee prefer this Method of Regulation in preference to any other that has been suggested and believe it to be the only practicable method of relieving the growing Portion of this City from its present embarrasments and therefore recommend that it be adopted and confirmed by the Common Council

Arthur Burtis
Jno B. Coles
Reuben Munson
Jno M'Comb Street Comr

3d March 1817.

Which was approved and the Plan adopted and directed to be filed in the Office of the Street Commissioner

The Committee of Wharves to whom was *was* referred the Several Petitions of Charles Smith former Lessee of the Public Wharves and Slips praying for the reasons stated in the said Petition an Abbatement of the sum agreed to be paid by him. and also of Marinus Willett praying reimbursment of part of [224] the expence in sinking a Bulkhead at the foot of Delancey Street reported

That they have duly examined the Petition of *of* Charles Smith Lessee of the Public Wharves Piers and Slips in the Year 1814 and would upon mature reflection Suggest the propriety of Granting him the following relief viz. The Money Collected by him for Dunlap and Grants Wharf and paid back again to them being Cast in a Law Suit

amounting to	$301.17
Mr Bogardus Attorneys Fees	50.
Mr Deys do do	76.13
Allowed him for Catharine Slip being deprived of the same by the Team Boat	50.
Total Amount	$477.30

Also in the Case of Marinus Willett that Whereas the Petitioner did in pursuance of an Order of this Board *to* build a Bulkhead facing the Slip at the foot of Delancey Street at his individual Expence amounting to 168 Dollars 75 Cents Also a Wharf adjoining to and forming the South West side of the said Slip at an expence of Seven hundred and fifty seven Dollars and sixty Cents and furthermore after the Bulkhead was completed in Conformity to the Plan and direction prescribed It proved to be useless owing to a deficiency of Water in the Slip. In Consequence of which and agreeable [225] to a subsequent Order The Petitioner caused a new Bulkhead to be erected further into the River at an Additional expence of Four hundred and thirty three Dollars and Sixty four Cents making in the whole Thirteen hundred and fifty nine Dollars and ninety nine *Dollars* [Cents] of which Sum your Committee would suggest the propriety of granting him one third of the whole amount which is Four hundred and fifty three Dollars and thirty three Cents

All which is respectfully Submitted.

New York March 3rd 1817.

Peter Conrey
G. Buckmaster } Committee
A. H. Lawrence

Which said several Reports were approved. and the Comptroller

was directed to Report a Warrant in favour of Marinus Willett for Four hundred and fifty three Dollars and thirty three Cents

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for Widening and Improving Cliff Street between Beekman and John Street. Whereupon Warrants were directed to Issue to the Collector for Collecting the same

The Committee who was appointed to report a Plan for laying out the Ground between Jones Street and Elizabeth Street presented a Report which [226] was Read and laid on the Table

The Comptroller stated that Henry Newport had an award in his favour for Ground taken to improve and water Cliff Street to the amount of Two thousand eight hundred and forty Dollars. for which he was willing to receive the Bond of the Corporation. payable with Interest in six Months. which the Comptroller recommended to be Issued. Whereupon Ordered that a Bond Issue under the Seal of the Corporation agreeably to the said Report of the Comptroller

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the Subject of raising Money by Tax Reported

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the Subject of raising Money by Tax Respectfully Report

That they have Considered the same and after taking into view the large Sums which must still be provided for redeeming the small change Issued by the Corporation. the very heavy amount expended during the Winter for the relief of the Poor and the Contemplated market at Beekman Slip. the expences of which, will probably commence the ensuing Summer, are of Opinion that the Sum of One hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars should be raised for the Ensuing Year together [227] with such amount as may be required for the Common School fund

They further recommend. that the Counsel of the Board be directed to prepare the draft of a Law to that effect. and that it be forwarded with all convenient speed to the Legislature

Mar 3rd 1817.

Th R Smith
Reuben Munson
Jacob Lorillard
A. H. Lawrence
Wm Alburtis

Which was approved and the Council directed to report a Memorial and Bill agreeably thereto

The Subject of the Claim of Dunlap and Grant to the Wharfage

of the West side of Charlotte (now) Pike Street Slip was referred to the Counsel of the Board. with directions to investigate the same and report with all Convenient Speed

Alderman Fish stated that at the request of Mr Jarvis Portrait Painter he informed the Board. that Mr Jarvis had with the Permission of the Stuyvesant Family made a Copy of a Portrait of Stuyvesant formerly Governor of New York under the Dutch Administration. which Copy he had made under an expectation that the Corporation would be desirous of possessing the same—Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favour of Mr Jarvis for One hundred Dollars the price Demanded by him for the Copy, and that the Portrait be placed [228] among the Portraits belonging to the Corporation

Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be Authorised to dispose of Ten thousand Dollars of Seven per Cent United States Stock held by the Corporation, or such Sum as may be deemed expedient for the Redemption of Corporation Bills of Credit

Mr Talman presented the following Resolved that a Committee be appointed to look out for a Suitable Scite for a Bridewell in order that the present may be removed which was read and Ordered to lie on the Table

The Street Commissioner's report at the last meeting of certain Lots belonging to Freeholders in Haerlem. being Advertised for Sale for Delinquencies respecting the third Avenue was called up. and it was left to his Discretion to purchase on behalf of the Corporation at the Sale as he should under all Circumstances Judge Best

Alderman Buckmaster having returned to the City was again placed on the Committee upon the Petition of Adam and Noah Brown and Daniel D. Tompkins, in place of Mr Akerly. who in his absence had been substituted in his place

[229] Alderman Smith moved that the Clerk now proceed to Obliterate from the Minutes the proceedings relative to Governor Tompkins Mr Lorillard having called a Division it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative
Mr Recorder	Mr Brown	Aldn Coles
Aldn Conrey	" Stone	" Mapes
" Smith	" Akerly	" Lawrence
" Alburtis	" Thorp	" Fish
" Buckmaster	" Cooper 12	Mr Jay
" Burtis		" Lorillard
" Munson		" Underhill
		" Talman 8

The Clerk then by direction of the Board proceeded in their presence in pursuance of the Resolution of the tenth Ultimo. by running a pen through every line to Obliterate in the Minutes the proceedings of the Common Council of the twentieth of November One thousand eight hundred and fifteen in relation to the Loan of Four hundred Thousand Dollars to Governor Tompkins

[230] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$27.973.
Warrants not presented	1.462.66
	$26.510.34

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Ogden Edwards Counsel 1 Qr Salary 27th Feby and drawing Laws	165.
George Cuming City Inspector 1 Qr Salary 28th Feby and Postage	313.75
Wm J. Waldron Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1st June	48.
Geo. Mills Do	48.
Obadiah Ayres Do	48.
Benjamin Hicks Do	48.
Jonathan Weeden Depy Street Commisr	48.
Samuel Hutchings Do	48.
John Smith Do	48.
Daniel H. Megie Keeper Pottersfield	42.
Asten and Cockran Messengers	60.
Abrm Brevoort Insr Bread 1 Qr 21. Feby	97.20
John W. Jarvis. Portrait of Genl Swift & frame	510.
Jas Warner Special Justice 1 Qr 26th Feby	250.
Jas Hopson Do	250.
Josiah Hedden Do	250.
B. Oblenis Clerk Police Office	250.
R. Stephens Asst Clerk	200.
[231] Jacob Hays for Police Officers. Extra Service	281.12
G. Snethen Supg Ligh[t]ing Lamps 1 Mo 1st Inst	540.
Irving & Smith Ironmongery for Supt Repairs	204. 5
Jacob Halsey Timber for Repairs Old Alms house	246.39
Henry Bertholf. Plank for Supert Repairs	394.94
John Halsted. gates & fixtures Engine house in Fulton Street	271.88
Gilbert G. Dean filling Collect Lot N 4 of D Lynch	547.50
Ephraim Ginnings Work 3rd Avenue Acct award	500.
Robt Latimer Acct making Road 8th Avenue	500.
Jas C. Parschall Award for 13th Street	720.
Silas Lord Award for 13th Street	250.
Estate Anthy L Bleecker. Award. for Elizth St Balance	375.
Corns J. Bogert Award for Cliff St Balance	11341.51

Thos Rich Award for Cliff Street	1350.
Ephraim Ginnings balce Well & Pump Stanton St	56.
Jacob P. Roome Supt Repairs for Workmen	450.
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	5000.
	25.752.34
Balance	$758.

[232] In Common Council March 10th 1817

Present Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles	Peter Augustus Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R Smith	William Stone
William Alburtis	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	George B. Thorpe
Arthur Burtis	John H. Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the Inhabitants between Coenties and Old Slip for use of the Mud Machine for deepening the said Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves and Slips with Authority to grant the Prayer if in their Opinion proper.

A Memorial from a Committee appointed by a General Meeting of the Citizens to Enquire [233] into the Situation of the Poor and the Cause of Mendicity was presented stating that from the Report of several Committees on that Subject it was the Decided Opinion of all that the great cause of Distress and poverty. was the facility of procuring ardent Spirits. which the great Number of Licensed Retailers of Liquor in the City afforded to the Poor, they therefore requested the Common Council to unite with them in an Application to the Legislature to limit the Number of Retailers of Ardent Spirits in this City and to restrict by Law such Licenses to persons of suitable Characters, the same being read it was resolved that the same be Referred to the following Committee to consider upon the propriety of the Corporation cooperating with said Memorialists in an Application to the Legislature and if in their Opinion necessary to request the

Mayor to convene a special meeting of the Board to take the said subject into Consideration

Committee appointed.

Aldn Smith	Mr Cooper
" Coles	" Lorillard
" Alburtis	" Jay
	" Brown

A Memorial of Sundry Dyers remonstrating against the Law lately passed respecting Casting Water into the Street. and also a remonstrance from sund[r]y Brewers. against the same Law was read and referred to [234] Aldn Alburtis Mr Lorillard Mr Stone

A Petition for opening Bancker Street Between Clinton Street and Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Street Committee

A further Petition of John R Livingston for return of Money paid by him for building Bulkhead at Goerck Street was read and referred* together with the former Petition to the Council of the Board Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Petition of J. B. A. M. Desize stating that he has been Assessed for a personal Tax that being a Foreigner. and attached as Chancellor to the French Consulate he does not consider himself liable to be Taxed and praying relief was read and referred to the Council and Attorney of the Board

A Petition of Thomas Norris praying remission of a Penalty on an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector with Authority to remit. and a Petition from George McKay and others on Subject of a Nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector to Report thereon.

[235] Recommendations from Sundry Citizens in favour of the Petition of Samuel Evans for a Ferry at Gouverneur Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

Several Remonstrances from sundry Inhabitants against the Petition for a Ferry at the foot of Walnut Street Also a Petition from Rodman Bown for an Extention of his Lease, and a Remonstrance from him against granting the Petition for a Ferry at the foot of Walnut Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition for Widening Harman Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

* Marginal note reads *See Report in Vol 33. page 51.*—ED.

A Petition of Sundry Members of the African Episcopal Church complaining of riotous conduct at Mr *Mr* Broads Church in Rose Street. was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

A Petition that the Dock at Spring Street may be repaired was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Coenties Slip praying that the Law regulating the lying of Vessels in the Public Slips may be amended [236] so as to give a preference to Vessels which pay Wharfage by the Year over Vessels that are Transitory Occupiers of the Slip—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward and the Counsel of the Board

A Petition of Richard Post and of Zephaniah Hallock for the Appointment of Inspector of Manure of Moses Barker for an Appointment under the Corporation and of Charles Udall for Appointment of Measurer of Grain were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Memorial of Higgins and Parks praying reimbursement for losses on Contract for filling in Catharine Market Slip. and offering to Contract to fill in the Lot proposed to be occupied by the Market at Beekman Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves and Street Commissioner. And it was referred to the same Committee with Authority to take the necessary Steps for causing to be constructed a Bulkhead across from Beekman Slip to Crane Wharf and to make Contract for the same

A Memorial was presented from Mary Blauvelt stating that she is proprietor of Lot No 72 fronting on Henry Street. that the same has been taken for the opening of Hudson Street. that the [237] Commissioners of Estimate value the same at Seventeen hundred and seventeen Dollars. That there is a Mortgage on the same amounting to about One thousand Dollars and the Mortgagees have Advertised the same for Sale. That Petitioner is afraid the same will not sell at Auction for the amount and praying aid from the Corporation. Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward the Counsel of the Board and Comptroller to Report thereon

A Memorial of Andrew McLaughlin praying compensation for improvements made by him on the Battery while Lessee of the Flag Staff was read and laid on the Table

A Petition for Station*en*ing Watchmen at the Corner of Rivington and third Street was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following

The Street Commissioner has the honor to inform the Common Council. That in pursuance of the Directions given by your Honorable Body. Did Advertise as the Law directs and on the sixth Instant the following property was sold for delinquent Assessments and Expences Viz[t]

N° of Lots	Street	To whom sold	N° of Years sold for	Am[t] of Assessment & Costs
[238] 2	on first Street.....	Dr Symers.....	17 Years...	$33 50
1	" ditto	Charles Hull.....	16 " ...	30 25
	Sundry Lots on North Street.....	Thos C. Taylor.....	59 " ...	378 77
4	on North Street.....	Edwd McGarragan..	16 " ...	42 02
4	ditto	Abijah Pell.....	32 " ...	42 29
4	ditto	William Daws.....	16 " ...	45 55
2	Cannon Street.....	Wm Edgar Junr	13 " ...	92 25
N° 1	a part of Stuyvesant Street.....	to St Marks Church.	20 " ...	125 52
N° 2	Part Kips Farm.....	to G. & R Waite.....	20 " ...	289 90
3	part of Ditto	to do	15 " ...	60 34
4	part of ditto	to do	20 " ...	203 99
5	part of ditto	to do	30 " ...	121 79
6	part of ditto	to Jas Chesterman...	50 " ...	186 03
7	part of ditto	to Corns R Duffie....	80 " ...	159 57
8	part of ditto	to Jno Devenport....	15 " ...	45 82
9	part of ditto	to G. & R Waite....	40 " ...	203 41
10	part of ditto	to do	20 " ...	76 88
11	part of ditto	to Corns R. Duffie...	30 " ...	186 03
12	part of ditto	to Henry Owens.....	15 " ...	45 82
13	part of Stuyvesant St Asst for Opening the 2nd Avenue	to St Marks Church.	15 do ...	74 19
14	part of Kips Farm....	to D S. Jones.....	75 do ...	155 95
]239] 15	Part of Kips Farm....	to Ichabod Prall.....	20 Years...	60 17
17	Part of Stuyvesant St Assessd for opening the first Avenue....	to Michael Ortley....	20 do ...	53 10
18	part of Kips Farm....	to D S. Jones.....	25 do ...	74 91
19	part of ditto	to Ichabad Prall.....	18 do ...	35 65
20	part of ditto	to Thos McCready..	16 do ...	38 88
21	Plot of Ground on North Street betwe[e]n Anthony and Arundle St	to Robert Hunter....	25 do ...	206 23
22	House & Lot on Gold St Assd for Opening Fulton Street.....	to Brigham Howe...	3 do ...	390 31
23	A Plot of Land belonging to Thos B. Clark Assessed for Opening 28th Street	to Andw Seaman....	30 do ...	343 30
			Dollars.....	3802 17

The Assessment on the other property that was Advertised was paid previous to the Sale. except that on the Haerlem Commons. and on a part of Kips Farm. the Sale of which was postponed

All which is respectfully Submitted

10th March 1817 Jn° McComb S^t Com^r

[240] The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 18

Abraham H. Shotwell Accountant N° 59 Cherry Street 4th Ward vice James Anderson Jun^r Resigned.

N° 19.

George Whetsel Mason N° 59 Orange Street 6th W^d vice Michael Crawbuck for Neglect of Duty

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances which were passed viz

N° 1.	Peter R Livingston Owner. N. Concklin Occup^t	N° 3 Crane Wharf	A Privy
2.	J. Mott Owner Brush & Hoyt Occup^t	36 Peck Slip	D°
3.	J° Johnson Owner W^m McLaughlin Agent, W^m Falls Occup^t.....	13 Mott S^t	D°
4.	S Boos Owner and Occup^t.....	31 Augustus S^t	D°
5.	Enoch Hoyt Owner and Occup^t....	35 Second S^t	D°
6.	G. Downing Owner W. Bolins Occup^t	85 Third S^t	D°
7.	R^t Mason Owner and Occup^t.....	154 Orange S^t	D°
8.	D. Codwise Agent. Barden & Chase Occup^ts	89. South S^t	D°
9.	P. Schermerhorn Owner. Simmons & Mott Occup^ts	4 Fulton S^t	D°
10.	D. Codwise Agent. Lott & Henderson Occup^ts	90 South S^t	D°
11.	Ichabod Prall Ow[n]er & Occup^t..	2 Burling Slip	D°
12.	D. Codwise Agent. M. Merrett Occup^t	29. D°	D°
13.	D. Codwise Agent. Barbarin Stanton & C°	31. D°	D°
14.	D. Codwise Agent. Loomis & Learnard Occup^ts	37. D°	D°

15. P. Schermerhorn Owner. Valentine & Vanderbilt Occupts.....	6 Fulton St	A Privy	
16. P. Schermerhorn Owner Smith & Underhill Occupts	12	Do	Do
17. J. G. Rogers Owner. Nathan Jackson Occupt	21	Do	Do
18. Osburn & Cornell Lessees and Occupts	29.	Do	Do
19. Dr J. Hunt Owner. Jas Seaman Occupt	8 John St		Do
20. C. Richardson Owner. A. Witmore Occupt	18.	Do	Do
21. Wm Colgate Owner & Occupt.....	41.	Do	Do
22. Wm Jones Owner and Occupt.....	53.	Do	Do
23. Ann Prentiose Owner and Occupt..	56	Do	Do
24. Saml B Harper Owner and Occupt..	57.	Do	Do
25. J. Gardner Owner Neil McClean Occupt	62.	Do	Do
26. T. Tiebout Owner. C. Cassady Occupt	82.	Do	Do
27. D. J. Gamage Owner. N. Chester Occupt	20.	Do	Do
28. J. Johnson Owner. W. Phelps Occupt	94.	Do	Do
29. N. Wells Agent. J. Shaw Occupt...	25.	Do	Do
30. Trustees of the Methodist Church Owners Chas Frazer Occupt.....	30.	Do	Do
31. [241]* Thos Mesnard Lessee and Occupt	35	Do	Do
32. B. Strong Owner. B. McCready Occupt	40	Do	Do
33. C. Haviland Owner. A. June Occupt.	79.	Do	Do
34. J. Johnson Owner C. Tunis Occupt..	96	Do	Do
35. J. Harrison Owner & Occupt.....98 & 110.		Do	Do
36. J. Gatfield Owner. M. Velezques Occupt	102	Do	Do
37. A. M. Cullum Owner. T. W. Burtis Occupt	1 Pine St		Do
38. J. L. Kip Owner. W. W. Hyer Occupt	17.	Do	Do
39. Peter A Jay Esqr Owner and Occupt.	37.	Do	Do

* New page not numbered.—ED.

40. F. Philips Owner. W. Niblo Occup^{t}.
41. S. A Lawrence Agent. J. O. Hoffman Occup^{t} .....
42. J. Jones Owner. S. A. Lawrence Occup^{t} .....
43. J. Jones Owner. W. Falsambe Occup^{t}
44. O. Pugsley Owner. H. Palmer Occup^{t} .....
45. J. Varian Owner. M Varian Agent & Cha^{s} Phillips Occup^{t} .....
46. Jn^{o} Hyslop Owner & Occup^{t}.....
47. Don Thomas Stoughton Owner & Occup^{t} .....

45. Pine S^{t} A Privy
49. D^{o} D^{o}
63. D^{o} D^{o}
65. D^{o} D^{o}
Norfolk & Hester S^{t} D^{o}
11 Second S^{t} D^{o}
15 Dutch S^{t} D^{o}
43. Water S^{t} D^{o}

City Inspectors Office
10th March 1817.

George Cuming

The Council of the Board agreeably to order presented a Memorial to the Legislature. Authorizing the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty to raise money—by Tax and a corresponding Bill which was approved and the Memorial directed to be duly Authenticated and transmitted by the Counsel to the Legislature

He also presented the Award or Umpirage of John Wells Umpire in the case of Mess^{rs} Bailey & Anderson with this Corporation, which was directed to be referred to the Council of the Board and Comptroller to carry the same into effect.

The Committee on the Petition of the Assessors Reported favorably & the Counsel was directed to report a Memor^{l} to the Legislature agreeably thereto

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of John Randall Junior on the Subject of [242] Compensation for Extra Services in remeasuring parts of certain Avenues &c.

Report. That on the 31st of December 1810 a Contract was entered into between a Committee of the Corporation duly authorized for that purpose and the Memorialists, wherein it was agreed that he should measure accurately all the Avenues and their Continuations across the public places laid out by the Commissioners appointed for laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York. Also lines at right Angles to those avenues across the Island at convenient distances. and that he should place where practicable at every Intersection made by the Avenues and Streets such Monuments as the

Corporation should procure. or Iron bolts in Rocks where the placing of Monuments should be Impracticable And Also that he should take the elevation of all the said Monuments above high water mark and measure the distance of such buildings as should be prescribed to him by the Corporation from the nearest Monument for which Services the Corporation were to pay a certain price therein Stipulated which price has in some instances been since varied by mutual Consent— The whole of the work under the Contract so far as relates to the measurement and fixing of Monuments has been completed by the Memorialist. and the whole amount of Compensation therefor paid to him—The difficulties which now present themselves arise from services performed [243] by the Memorialist and not provided for by the Contract they cos[n]sist chiefly of two Items the first measuring and transiting 160.160 feet to replace pegs destroyed before the Monuments were set charged at $44. per 1000 feet amounting to $7047 $^{1}/_{100}$ and the next measuring 302.200 feet to ascertain and prove the accuracy of the work at 14 $^{66}/_{100}$ per 1000 feet—amounting to $4432 $^{27}/_{100}$ making together $11.479 $^{31}/_{100}$

In support of the first charge it is alleged by the Memorialist that the destruction of certain portions of his work when only partly finished by the removal of the pegs after he had employed much of his own time in the measurements and incurred the expence attending the same not only involved the necessity of remeasuring but that he had the Authority and Instruction of the Committee of the Board to whom the subject was then Committed for so doing; that, the measurements of these detached and distant parts subjected him to more than twice the expence of a continued and uninterrupted line of Measurement to the same extent. to prove which fact and that the extra measurement actually took place as above stated. the same is certified by William S. Randel his Assistant in the transaction—As to the second charge the Memorialist alleges that from the nature of the Case many inaccuracies might have taken place Notwithstanding his utmost care and diligence. had not the work have undergone a revision and correction by remeasurement of certain parts for which last service as it required less time and was less expensive to him than the [244] original Measurement he charges only $^{2}/_{3}$^{ds} the Contract price

The Committee after a diligent and attentive investigation of the Subject are of Opinion that the Memorialist has no Just claim on this Board for extra Compensation for any services performed by him or by those employed by him in revising and proving the Cor-

rectness of his measurements. as by the Contracts before mentioned he was bound to measure accurately all the Avenues their Continuances and cross lines for the Sum therein stipulated or for the Sum which was afterwards mutually agreed upon between the said Committee and him

As to the other charge of Measuring and transiting 160.160 feet to replace the pegs which he had previously located from actual Measurement at the Intersections of certain avenues and Streets and which were destroyed before the Monuments were set by persons over whom he had no controul. The Committee are of Opinion that he has an equitable Claim for Compensation although not to the extent Contemplated by him the Contract guarantees to him indemnity against individual prosecutions or Suits for the recovery of damages sustained in the progress of the Work. but does not provide for the Case now under Consideration. probably because this Contingency was not then anticipated as the Map of the Commissioners was not yet filed and the whole agreement was at that time only provisional—Under all the Circumstances of the [245] Case the Committee are of Opinion that the Charge of $4.432 $^{27}/_{100}$ for remeasurement to ascertain the accuracy of Work done under the Contract is not admissable. And that the Charge of $7067 $^{1}/_{00}$ for remeasuring & transiting 160.160 feet to replace pegs which had been destroyed—being double the Contract price is not admissible to that extent. they are however of Opinion that the performance of that work was necessary to the Completion of the object contemplated by the Contract. and so far sanctioned by the Committee on that subject as to entitle him to some reasonable Compensation and it being attended with additional trouble and expence from the detached situation of the parts remeasured the Committee recommend that the sum of $4000 be allowed and paid him in full Satisfaction therefor

All which is Respectfully submitted

Nich Fish
Jn° B. Coles
Reuben Munson

Which was read and laid on the Table

Alderman Smith Chairman of the Committee of Finance presented the following statement

The Subscriber presuming it may be Acceptable to the Board to know the present State of the small Change Issued by Order of the Corporation begs leave [246] to lay before them the following sketch

Total amount of Bills Issued to 30th May last		224.905.
Redeemed & Cancelled to that Date		81.895.20
Leaving then in Circulation		$143.009.80
Since that period and to the 8th Inst there have been Issued		20.451.50
		163.461.30
From which amount deduct redeemed		
and Cancelled July 23rd	7.699.13.	
Septr 12	7308.	
Octr 3	7185.	
" 10	10200.	
Novr 7	12535.	
Decr 6	12782.50	
Jany 23	12030.	
"	6302.50	
Redeemed but not Cancelled	18663.	
		94.745.13
Leaving in Circulation		$68.716.17

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Respectfully Submitted

Th. R. Smith Chairn Finance Come

The Committee on the Petition of Adam and Noah Brown and Daniel D. Tompkins presented a Report which was read and referred back to the same Committee with the Addition of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

[247] The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller Reported a Statement of the Accounts of the Superintendant of Repairs Audited by them by which it appeared he had received the Sum of Twenty thousand seven hundred and fourteen Dollars and forty nine Cents and had expended Twenty thousand six hundred and seventy four Dollars and twenty six Cents. leaving a Ballance in his hands of Forty Dollars and twenty three Cents which was Ordered to be filed

The Committee of Applications on the Petition of William Johnston and Antiphas Hathaway for the Appointment of Measurers of Grain Reported in their favour which was approved and they were appointed as such

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Communication of the Comptroller on the Subject of Corporation property which he thought might be advantageously disposed of. Reported

The Committee of Finance to which was Referred the several Re-

ports of the Comptroller of the 23d Decr and 24th Feby presenting a Schedule of Corporation property which might be disposed of between this time and the 1st of May most respectfully Report

That they have had the same under Consideration [248] and after Consulting and advising with the Street Commissioner and Comptroller are of Opinion that it would be for the Public Interest to dispose of the following in the manner herein after mentioned

Common Lands.

	Acr.	R.	P.
Lot. No 16. on the Middle Road	4	3	32
" " 17. Corner of Do & Cross Road	4	3	17
" No 25 & 26. on Bloomingdale Road	10	3	0
" 37. 42 & 43. Corner of Middle Road wth house &c	12	3	—
" 56. & 59. Middle Road	10	2	8
" 84 Do	5	0	9
" 110 Do	5	1	4
" 188. Adjoining J. Somarindyke	4	0	0
" 162. Do Apthorp	16	0	0
" 163. Do Do	6	1	—
Total	80	1	30

It is proposed to Lease at Auction the Aforegoing for the Term of Six Years from the first of May next this period of Time is preferred as nearly all the Leases of Common Lands in that Vicinity will then expire

It is thought adviseable to reserve Lots No 18. 21 & 22. for the use of the Alms House to which several of the Contiguous Lots have hitherto been appropriated

[249] Hamilton Square

There are Fifty eight Lots fronting Hamilton Square these together with the Square itself (the whole Comprising a plot of Land of about Twenty Acres and extending on one side from the third to the fourth Avenue and on the other from Sixty fifth to Sixty ninth Street) it is advised should be divided into four parcels of equal dimensions as near as may be and in that manner also leased at Auction for the same Term of Six Years

It is proposed to lease in the same manner for three Years from 1st May next the upper Appartment of the new Engine House in Beaver Street and the Cellar and Lot of Ground adjoining the Engine House in Fayette Street

Collect Lots

N° 14 to 22. Nine Lots on the Westerly side of Collect Street between Anthony & Leonard Street

N° 79 to 88 } Twelve Lots on the Easterly side of Collect Street be-
" 92 & 93 } tween Anthony and Lispenard S^ts^

These twenty one Lots Your Committee think it would be for the Public Interest to lease in the same manner for Twenty one Years from May next

The following Property it is Recommended should be disposed of in Fee viz

A Lot of Ground fronting on Whitehall Street opposite Stone Street. Twenty five feet front. Thirty one [250] feet on the North & thirty three feet nine Inches on the South side.

Seven Lots. N° 48 to 54 on the Easterly side of Collect Street between Leonard and Franklin Street

N° 91. A Gore on the Southerly side of Leonard Street between Orange and Collect Street

And Sixteen Lots on the New Albany Bason—extending from Greenwich Street to Washington Street. as they are particularly described on a Map of the same. Provided no legal Impediment exists to such disposition. and on which head the Counsel of the Board shall be fully satisfied

A more particular and Satisfactory description of all the aforegoing property may be seen by referring to the Map thereof which are hereunto presented for that purpose

It is deemed Adviseable not to dispose of. the Triangular Lot. Corner of Chamber and Augustus Street at present there being a probability that some Arrangement may be made with the Owners of the adjoining property so as to make the piece of Ground much more Valuable

Nothing at present ought to be done with the Lot forming the Actual corner of Wall & Nassau Street as the right of the Corporation to dispose thereof is involved in doubt

The Property called Varicks Bason is in a [251] State of Progressive Improvement and cannot be sold at present to such advantage as may be done hereafter

Should this Report be approved it is recommended that the Sales be made as usual under the Direction of the Committee of Finance and Comptroller and on such Terms as they may deem most condusive to the public Interest except in such Cases as the Board may think proper to give positive Instructions

As the Lease with the Public Docks and Slips will expire on the first of May it is proposed that the Comptroller be Instructed to advertise for sealed proposals receivable till the twenty fourth Instant for Renting the same for one Year

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Th. R. Smith
Wm Alburtis
A. H. Lawrence
Jacob Lorillard excepting the Sale of Property at New Albany Bason
Reuben Munson

Which was Approved and the Comptroller was directed to Lease for the period of One Year the Lot at the corner of Wall and Nassau Street and to Advertise the Public Wharves Piers and Slips to be Leased for one Year

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the fourth Instant on the Subject of a New division of the Wards Reported as follows

[252] The Committee to which was referred the Resolution submitted to the Board on the 24th Ulto relating to a new Division of the Wards and also the Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of the ninth Ward on the same Subject beg leave to Report

That they have Considered the same and believing as they do that fair and equal Representation is the foundation of all free Governments and whether they consist of large or small Communities and believing that it always was the intention of this Corporation to be guided by this principal as nearly as can be done with respect to the Wards of the City are of Opinion that a New division thereof would be Just and proper

With a view to the Accomplishment of this object they submit for the Consideration of the Board the following viz. That the

1st Ward shall Comprehend all that part of the City South of a Line running through Liberty Street Maiden Lane and Fly Market from the East to Hudson River

2d Ward All that part Bounded on the South by the first Ward from the East River to Broadway thence by a line running from Broadway & Chatham Row to Little George Street including the Brick Meeting, thence through Little George Street to Gold Street. thence thro' Gold Street to Street. thence thro Ferry Street and Peck Slip to the East River.

[253] 3d Ward All that part Bounded on the South by the first Ward from Broadway to Hudson River. thence by a line running on the Westerly side of Broadway to Reed Street thence thro' Reed Street to Hudson River

4th Ward It is proposed shall remain without alteration

5th Ward All that part Bounded by a line running thro' Reed Street from Broadway to Hudson River and in all other respects Bounded as it now is

6th Ward & 7th Ward It is proposed shall remain unaltered

8th Ward It is proposed shal remain as at present except that it shall be Bounded Northerly by a line running from the Bowery Road thro' Art Street. Greenwich Lane and Christopher Street to Hudson River

10th Ward It is proposed shall remain as at present except that it shall be Bounded Northerly by a line running from the Bowery Road thro Sixth Street to the East River

9th Ward Shall Comprehend all that part not Included in the preceeding Division

By the Aforegoing Arrangement it is believed that the first nine Wards will be nearly equal in point of Population. and that the last named or ninth Ward which now has a little rising Three thousand Inhabitants with the same representation [254] in the Board as the fifth Ward having Fifteen Thousand Inhabitants will be encreased to about Six thousand.

Should the Board deem it proper to adopt the Arrangement herein exhibited it is proposed that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Memorial and draft of a Bill to be forwarded to the Legislature in order that it may be carried into effect

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The Question being taken thereon and a Division being called by Mr Jay it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative		Negative
Aldn Conrey	Mr Underhill	Aldn Coles
" Smith	" Brown	" Mapes
" Buckmaster	" Stone	" Lawrence
" Alburtis	" Akerly	Mr Jay
" Burtis	" Thorp	" Lorillard
	" Cooper 11	" Talman 6

The Counsel then presented a Memorial and Corresponding Bill and the Memorial was directed to be duly Authenticated and forwarded to the Legislature

Mr Talman presented a Resolution referring [255] to a Committee to Enquire and Report as to limiting the Number of Measures of Grain &c.

Which was referred to Mr Talman Mr Thorp Mr McQueen

The Board then resumed the Consideration of the revised Laws and after some time spent therein adjourned to meet on Monday next at four O Clock

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$30369.50
Warrants not presented	12880.13
	$17489.37

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch 1 Dist	498.75
Walton & Hibberd do 2nd "	682.50
Norris & Anderson do 3rd	670.25
Bleakley & Brower do 4th	413.
Philip Becanon Inspector of Bread 1 Qr 10th Inst	97.25
John Bogert Carriage hire 5th Novr	6.
Jacob Hays for Officers. Carrying Convicts to Prison to 1st Feby	81.
John W. Jarvis for Portrait of Govr Stuyvesant	100.
Thos Carpenter. Pres Assistance Society Donation	150.
Charles Mooney Regulating Franklin Street	123.40
Wm Westerfield award for Thompson Street	30.
Mark Reid 1st Inst *at* Well & Pump Reed St	96.10
W. Fish. Trear to pay 18 Devidends City Stock 1st Feby	10.500.
[256] Jacob P. Roome. Supt Repairs for Materials	500.
Jacob P. Roome Supt Repairs for Engine House	500.
R. T. Watson 6 Casks Oil	414.26
Thos Freeborn 1 Cask Oil	76.31
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	2500.
	17438.81
Balance	$50.56

[257] In Common Council March 17th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles	Peter A. Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Thomas R Smith	Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis	George B Thorp
Nicholas Fish	Thomas Cooper
Reuben Munson	John H. Talman

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Memorial of Robert R. Hunter was read stating that he had seen an Advertisement by the Comptroller of the Corporation offering for Sale certain Lots at the foot of Thames Street. That the Memorialist had title to those Lots, which he in this way begs leave to give Notice of to the Corporation—Ordered the same be referred to the Counsel of the Board and Comptroller And Ordered that the Advertisement of the sale of said property be discontinued

[258] A. Petition of James Ronalds was read stating that by a mistake in carrying out the Assessment of the Tax of the second Ward his property which was Intended to be assessed at Thirteen hundred Dollars was carried out as of the Value of Thirteen Thousand Dollars, whereby his Assessment was encreased in an undue proportion and praying relief. Whereupon—Resolved that it be referred to the Comptroller. with Authority to correct the mistake

A. Request of the Commissioners of Estimate on Orange Street to be furnished with the Map or Profile of said Street. Agreeably to the directions of the Act in that case made and provided was read. and the Street Commissioner was directed to furnish the requisite Map or Profile

A. Petition of Benjamin Waldron to be employed as keeper of the Beacon or light proposed to be erected near Hell Gate. was read and referred to the Committee on the subject

A. Petition for widening North Street between the Bowery and fourth Street was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

[259] The Petition of Thomas Egerton for permission to Assign by way of Mortgage the Lease of Lot Number Five hundred and

seven to the Washington Insurance Company was read and referred to the Comptroller with Authority to grant the Prayer of the Petition

A Remonstrance from a Number of Inhabitants residing in the Vicinity of Elm Street against the Keeping of the Horse market at that place was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the sixth Ward

A Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants in the Vicinity of the Collect praying for the Establishment of a Market at that place was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the fifth and sixth Wards to Report

A Petition from Simon Schermerhorn for permission to erect a Lime house at foot of Fulton Street previous to the first of April on his Commencing his Building there. was read and granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A. Remonstrance of certain Eastern Fishermen against the Prayer of the Inhabitants of Coenties Slip presented at the last Meeting. giving a preference to [260] Vessels paying Wharfage by the Year was read and referred to the Committee on that Subject—viz^{t}. the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward and the Counsel of the Board

A. Petition of Charles M^{c}Carty Lessee under the Corporation of a Lot fronting on Cherry Street Complaining that Jedediah Waterman also a Lessee under the Corporation had encroached upon his Ground was read and referred to the Counsel and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Charles Myers Jun^{r} Praying for Stall N^{o} 18. Washington Market occupied by John L. Fink who was willing to relinquish the same was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of William Hicks. J. De Reimer and Isachar Cozens for Appointments as Inspectors of Manure and of Samuel Thorne for reappointment to said office were read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A further Petition of George B. Raymond and Thomas Hazard for Remission of the Penalty of their Recognizance was read and granted on payment of Costs

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Franklin and Provost Streets praying that Franklin [261] Street may be carried through to Provost Street, and a Remonstrance against the said Petition were read & referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 23.

Sidney Wilson Morrocco Finisher N° 24 Orange Street 6th Ward vice Gershom B. Valentine Expelled

N° 27.

James Airis Stone Cutter Thompson Street 8th Ward vice John Tomlinson Removed from the City

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for Building a Bulkhead between Fulton Slip and Crane Wharf which was read and passed He also presented an Ordinance for repairing the Bulkhead along the Easterly side of Coenties Slip which was read and passed

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances which were passed vizt

N° 1.	Wm Few Esqr Owner. E. Fuller Occupt	N° 23 Norfolk St	A Lot
2.	Estate of the late J. McVickar Owner Mrs H. Paxton Occupt.....	228 Pearl Street	A Privy
3.	D. Phyfe Owner J. Gosman Occupt	38 Vesey St	Dº
4.	Don. Thos Stoughton Owner. Dr P. Dumont Occupt.....	43. Water Street	Dº
5.	Suydam & Wyckoff Owners. J. & J. W. Corlies Occupts.....	45. Water Street	Dº
[262] N° 6.	P. R. Livingston Owner N. Miller Occupt.....	219. Water St	Dº
7.	C. Ulshoeffer Owner and Occupant	3 Cedar St	Dº
8.	P. J. Munroe, Owner. S. Sousberry Occupt	5 Dº	Dº
9.	Dº Owner. J. Dubon Occupt	5½ Dº	Dº
10.	Dº Owner Mrs S. Marshall Occupt	7. Dº	Dº
11.	Dº Owner P. Byrne Occupt	9. Dº	Dº
12.	J. W. Mulligan Owner, Mrs M. Lamstead Occupt	18 Dº	Dº
13.	E. Herring. Owner J. Williams Occupt	26. Dº	Dº

14.	L. Fisher Agent Mrs E. Baxter Occupt	28. Cedar St	A Privy
15.	Do Agent David Grim Occupt	30. Do	Do
16.	Andrew Wright Lessee & Occupt.	39 Do	Do
17	R. Ainslie Owner, J. Riddle Occupt.	48. Do	Do
18.	Mrs Stymets Owner B. Keeler Occupt	49. Do	Do
19.	Benjn Halsted Owner & Occupt.	52. Do	Do
20	C. Del Vecchio Owner Wm Mertlin Occupt	57. Do	Do
21.	G. DePeyster Agent Js Hammond Occupt	58 Do	Do
22.	T. Ellison Owner Mrs M. Burtsell Occupt	59 Do	Do
23.	J. Thorburn Owner. B. Thompson Occupt	66. Do	Do
24.	T. Ellison Owner Mrs M. Burtsell Occupt	67 Do	Do
25.	A Labagh Owner, R. Navey Occupt	68. Do	Do
26	A J. Young Lessee and Occupt.	70. Do	Do
27.	T. Ellison Owner. P. McCloskey Occupt	73 Do	Do
28.	Wm Jacobs Lessee and Occupt.	76. Do	Do
29.	Jno Nott Lessee and Occupt.	78. Do	Do
30.	J. Leonard Owner, R. Morrill Occupt	82 Do	Do
31.	J. Bennett Owner. and Occupt.	180 Division St	Do
32	Wm Hamilton Lessee	35 Orange St	A Lot

City Inspectors Office
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[263] The Counsel agreeably to Order presented a Memorial to the Legislature and Corresponding Bill to invest the Corporation with power upon the confirmation of any Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, to appoint a time not exceeding One Year at which they will take possession of the Lands and Tenements &c. which was read and approved and the Memorial directed to be duly authenticated. he also presented a Memorial and Bill on the Subject of Compensation to Assessors which was read and laid on the Table

The Counsel on the Petition of Bertrand P. Cruger presented the

following Report which was approved. and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant therefor. and the Counsel to Report the necessary Conveyance in the Premises.

The Council of the Board who was required to ascertain the Amount due to the Heirs of Nicholas Cruger Deceased for certain ground taken possession of for a Road to Horn's Hook Ferry

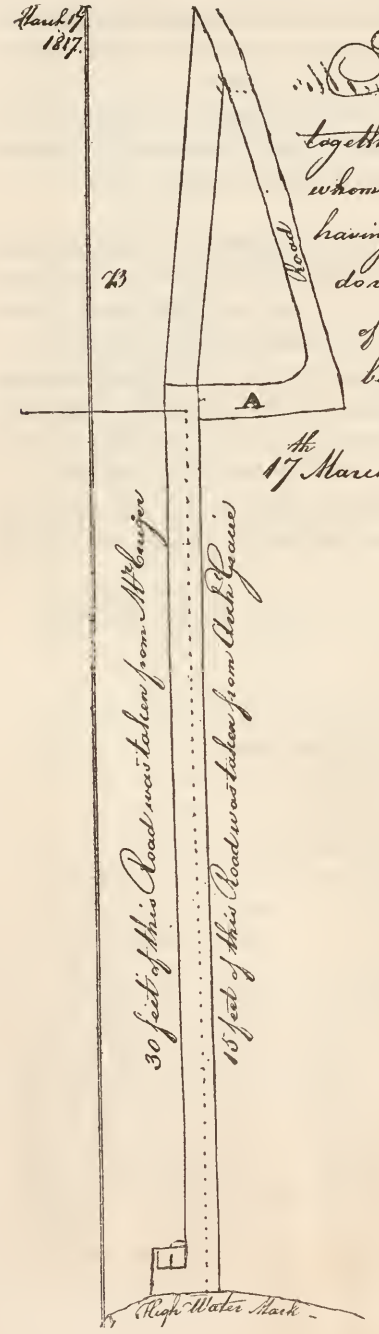
Respectfully Reports

That the Petitioners have offered to relinquish so much of the Ground belonging to them as is not included in the Report of the Commissioners—and is now made use of as a Road to Horns hook Ferry

[264] Provided the Corporation will relinquish their Claim to—so much of the Ground included in the said Report as is not made use of for a Road. and which did not belong to the Petitioners. and will also pay them One Thousand and twenty Dollars and fifty Cents, with Interest upon the same from the Time the Road was laid out

The Counsel is of Opinion that this proposition is just and equitable and that the Sum demanded is no more than the Petitioners can legally recover Respectfully submitted

9th Decr 1816 Ogden Edwards



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The Road Committee

together with the Street Commissioners to whom the annexed Report was referred having given the Subject due Consideration do recommend that the above Report of the Council be accepted as they believe it to be just and proper

Reuben Munson
Thomas Cooper
Jnº B. Coles
William Stone
Jnº M Comb Street Com.ˢ

17th March 1817.

[266] The Committee on the Petition of Adam and Noah Brown and Daniel D. Tompkins presented a further Report, The several Reports on said Subject being called up and Read are as follows.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Adam and Noah Brown and D. D. Tompkins

Beg leave to Report

That they have taken the subject into Consideration relative to the Accomodation of Steam Boats to ply from this City and Staten Island as Ferry Boats. would recommend that they be Located on the East side of the West pier near the Battery for Sum per Annum to Commence on the first day of May next

All which is respectfully Submitted

New York Dec 30th 1816

Peter Conrey
Wm Alburtis } Committee
J Mapes

The Committee appointed to confer with Governor Tompkins and Noah and Adam Brown upon their Petition for Accomodation in Whitehall Slip for Steam Boats they propose building to be employed for the Transportation of persons and other things in part—connected with a Ferry from said Slip to Staten Island. And likewise for the purpose of considering upon the propriety of removing [267] the Hay Scales from the head of said Slip

Respectfully Report

That they have conferred with the Petitioners who are desirous to lease for a Term of about eighteen Years the whole of the West pier of the said Slip for the purpose of Accomodating the Steam Boats they propose building with the right of admiting such other Vessels only to lay thereat as may suit the Convenience of the Petitioners. and state that they will require in the Slip a floating Bridge to land Carriages passengers and other things thereon from their Boats—That they will also require another bridge of about eight feet wide to be erected from the Southern end of the short pier in the Slip to the Westermost pier. being a distance of about Eighty feet for their Boats to lay along side of—They likewise require to have the privilege of erecting a small low building about ten feet Square along side of the last mentioned Bridge for the Occasional Accomodation of their Toll gatherer and Passengers—They are likewise desirous that about ten feet be taken off from the South East corner of the Battery and thrown open to the dock so as to finish the same in a Circular form for the more convenient passing of Carriages—That a Bulkhead be

sunk from the South West Corner of the Battery to the West pier of the said Slip. at a point about Eighty feet from the Battery. which will enclose [268] a Triangular piece of Ground, which is now left bare at low Water and that the same be filled up with Earth as a stand for Carriages. two sides of which Ground will be about One hundred feet each and the other side about Eighty feet

At this time the Custom House Department together with the Editors of Newspapers are in the Occupation of a Building for the Accomodation of the row boats apparatus and people which interferes with the location of the last mentioned bridge, but this building may be so moved or changed in situation as to afford the Accomodation now enjoyed by the parties

Whilst your Committee are of Opinion that the proposed Steam Boat establishment may become a very useful public accomodation they cannot but perceive that the Whitehall Slip and Piers are situated at the very mouth or outlet from this City to our harbour and more frequented by transient Boats and Vessels of all kinds than any other part of the City. particularly in Winter as it affords a safe Harbour. and is easily gained in bad Weather from its local Situation and the course of the Current at that place. and therefore ought not for any length of time be placed without the controul of the Common Council

Your Committee after much Consideration are of Opinion under all the Circumstances. that it will be proper for the Common Council to sanction and take [269] the necessary measures to carry into effect the general Arrangement herein proposed except so far as relates to the time for which the Petitioners are desirous to lease the said Pier. and recommend that the North and East side of the said Pier. together with the Bridge proposed to be built be leased to the Petitioners for such time and for such Sum as the Common Council may think fit and proper. and that the Remainder of the said Pier be Rented to the Petitioners for one Year only for such Sum as may be thought proper with the right in the Petitioners to receive such Dockage for all Vessels they may admit to said Piers as the Act of the Legislature of this State Authorises.

That the expence of altering the South East corner of the Battery sinking the Bulkhead & filling in the ground at the South West Corner and side of the Battery be born by this Corporation, and that the expence of the Bridges and other fixtures be born by the Petitioners,

Your Committee likewise recommend that the Hay Scales be

moved from the head of said Slip after the first of May next, at which time the Lease to the present Occupant expires

New York 10th March 1817. Jnº B. Coles
G. Buckmaster
Peter Conrey

The Committee to whom was referred back [270] their Report upon the Application of Governor Tompkins and Noah and Adam Brown for Steam Boat Accomodations in Whitehall Slip to which Committee was added the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

Respectfully Report.

That in their Opinion it will be proper for the Common Council to adopt the Report that was referred back

That from an Estimate made by the Assistant Street Commissioner it appears that altering the South East corner of the Battery will cost about One hundred Dollars, and that making the Bulkhead and filling in the Ground proposed to be made at the South Westerly part of the Battery will cost Fourteen hundred and forty Dollars

That in respect to the time for which the West Pier be Rented and the Sum of Money to be paid therefor. Your Committee in a Spirit of Accomodation to each others Opinions have agreed to recommend to the Common Council to lease for ten Years from the first of May next to the Petitioners the exclusive use and benefit of Wharfage on the North side of the Outermost block of the Pier, the South side of the Bridge proposed to be built and the East side of that part of the Pier lying between the said Block and bridge for the Annual Rent of Five Hundred Dollars—And that the remainder of the said [271] West pier be rented to the Petitioners for one Year from the said first day of May next for One hundred Dollars And that the first Years Rent of Six hundred Dollars be applied by the Petitioners towards making the Improvements required for their accomodation in relation to the premises proposed to be rented to them

Jnº B. Coles
G. Buckmaster
Peter Conrey
G N. Bleecker Comptr
Jnº McComb St Comr

The Question being taken on agreeing to the last Report of the Committee the same was carried in the Affirmative and the Council of the Board was directed to prepare the necessary Leases

Alderman Smith from the Committee on the Communication from the Governors of the New York Hospital. Reported. that they had had

a conference with the Governors of the Hospital. that they had suggested the Propriety of receiving Patients with Syphilis in the Alms House where they might be made to work Also that as the Commissioners of the Alms House had in many Instances Bonds to indemnify the City against expenses incurred by certain Alien Passengers who were in the Hospital. that some Arrangement might be made so as the Governors might be reimbursed their [272] expences for said persons. Whereupon it was Resolved that said Report be Referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

The Committee on the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the City on the Subject of Petitioning the Legislature for restraining the Number of Tavern Licences presented a Report and Bill corresponding thereto the Report being read was in the words following

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of W^m^ Bayard Esq^r^ and others on the Subject of deminishing the excessive and destructive use of Ardent Spirits Respectfully Report

That they have given the matter that attentive Consideration which its Importance so Justly claims but regret to state, that they have not been able to agree in recommending the plan proposed in the said Memorial—They would however suggest to the Board the propriety of forwarding without delay to the Legislature a respectful Memorial setting forth the enormity of the evil. the dreadful Consequences resulting therefrom and praying that they may in their Wisdom apply such remedies as may be deemed best calculated to correct the same

And as a part thereof that this Corporation be empowered to appoint three persons to be denominated Superintendants of Excise. to serve without Compensation [273] whose Certificate of Moral Character and Recommendation shall be necessary for any person desirous of Obtaining Licence

And Also that the price of Tavern Licences should in no Case be less than Twenty five Dollars.

Should this Report meet the Approbation of the Board a Memorial is herewith presented in Order that no time may be lost in forwarding so important an Object

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Th. R. Smith
Jacob Lorillard
Peter Augustus Jay
Thomas Cooper
Jn° B Coles.

{With the Exception of that part which goes to raise the Tavern Licences to Twenty five Dollars

The Report being read it was Ordered that the same be laid upon the Table. The Question being taken there on and a division having been called by Mr Jay it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative	Negative
Mr Recorder	Aldn Coles
Aldn Conrey	" Mapes
" Buckmaster	" Lawrence
" Burtis	" Fish
" Munson	Mr Jay
Mr Stone	" Lorillard
" Akerly	" Underhill
" Thorp	" Talman 8
" Cooper 9.	

[274] Alderman Coles presented a Resolution for the encouragement of the use of Beer instead of Spiritous Liquors was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on the Settlement of the Account of Robert Hare Reported as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the Settlement of Robert Hare's Account for Experiments on Gas Lights Respectfully Report

That they have examined the Vouchers produced with the Account exhibited and find that there has been advanced by the Corporation the Sum of.....	$6000.
Mr Hares statement of expences incurred including $1400 for his Services during Seven Months.....	5927.25
Leaving a Balance of.....	$72.25

which has been returned by the Chairman of the Sub Committee of Arts and Sciences to the Collector of the City Revenue and by him paid into the Treasury on the 15th Instant to be passed to the Credit of the Gas Light Account

March 17th. 1817

Samuel Akerly
G. N. Bleecker Compt[r]

which was directed to be filed

A Resolution of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Rutgers Street, recomending Benjamin Thomas to be appointed to regulate the Clock of said Church was [275] read, Whereupon Resolved that Isaac Luffburrow be and he is hereby removed from the Office of Regulator of said Clock. And Resolved further that John Burger be appointed to regulate the same

The following was presented by Alderman Buckmaster and agreed to

Resolved that the Square now called S[t] George's Square at the Intersection of Cherry Street be hereafter named and called Franklin Square, as a Testimony of the high respect entertained by this Board for the Literary and Philasophical Character of the late Doctor Benjamin Franklin

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution for changing the Names of First. Second. Third Fourth and Sixth Streets which was read and laid for Consideration.

Upon a Resolution presented by Alderman Munson it was Ordered. That a Bond Issue to Robert Latimer from the Corporation for the Sum of Two thousand Dollars payable twelve Months after Date with lawful Interest. on Account of work done on the eighth Avenue

Ordered that the Recorder and Alderman Fish be added to the Committee on the Subject of Haerlem Commons

[276] Ordered that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favour of John Randel Jun[r] for Five hundred Dollars on Account

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	6441.66
Warrants not presented	1174.72
	$5266.94

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Disbrow, Conklin, Abel & Striker. Enfor[s] Laws 6 Mo 10 Inst[t]	400.
Irving. Smith & Holly. selling at Auction 29 Lots 6[th] Inst[t]	87.
Franklin & Minturn selling 14 Lots 27[th] May	42.
Columbian. Advertising Assess[ts] for S[t] Comm[r]	57.50
H. Andrew Repairs to Chairs in Sup[e] Court Room	43.50
Peter Burtsell 2 Maps of Island for Mayor & Counsel	31.50
P. Conrey Esq[r] Attending Sessions Decem[r]	96.
Matthew Crosby 18 Casks Oil	1297.62
Ferris Pell Award for Cliff Street	705.30
Stephen D. Beekman bal[ce] Award 13[th] Street	305.
Arch[d] Ball bal[ce] paving Elm Street	101.25
John Culbert bal[ce] paving Pump Street	98.81
Heirs of John Stagg dec[d] Award for Thompson S[t]	60.
Marinus Willett ⅓ Expences Bulkhead Delancey S[t] Ord[ce] 3[rd] Instant	453.33

Richard Amos for Lot of Ground N° 66. Corner Hudson & Chris^r S^ts purchased for Engine house	1250.
J. P. Roome Sup^t of Repairs to purchase Materials	200.
	5228.81
Balance	$38.13

[277] In Common Council March 24^th 1817

Present. The Hon^ble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Pres^t

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles.	Peter A. Jay
Jonas Mapes.	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
William Alburtis	Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	George B. Thorp
	John H. Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of last Meeting were Read & approved

His Honor the Mayor presented a Letter from William Turpen of Charleston South Carolina Dated the tenth of March One thousand eight hundred and seventeen. Informing him of the Arrival in that City of a Number of coloured People (Seamen) who had been Shipped by the American Consul in London who claimed to be Freemen. but who under the Laws of the State of South Carolina were Imprisoned as Fugitive Slaves—The Mayor Informed that he had mentioned the Case of these [278] Persons to the Manumission Society of this City who had undertaken to pay Attention to the Business—Wherupon Resolved that the Mayor be requested to reply to said Letter and inform of the Steps taken in the premises

A Petition of Jacob Schieffelin Assignee of Lots N^os Sixty one and Sixty three Chatham Street praying an extention of time on said lease was Read and Referred to the Comptroller to Report

A Petition of George Goodheart for Permission to sell Meat in Greenwich Street was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Old Slip complaining that said Slip is Occupied by large Coasting Vessels and Praying that the same may be reserved exclusively for the use of Market and other small Vessels Ordered that same be referred to the Committee on Wharves

A Remonstrance of John Hone and Jeremiah F. Randolph against the proposed Sale of a Lot on Whitehall Street reserved for an Engine House was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Counsel of the Board. And Ordered Also that the proposed for Sale be discontinued

[279] A Petition of Stephen Burdett Junr Praying for Stall No 10. Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Recommendation in favour of Lewis Harroway to be appointed a Wood Inspector or Street Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applics

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Reed Street between Church and Chapel Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed vizt

No 1.	T. H. Leggett Owner J. Brisco Occupt	67	Murray St	A Privy
2.	D. Sickels Owner. R. Lowere Occupt	36	Essex St	Do
3.	T. Ellison Owner. F. Whitmill Occupt	21	Thomas St	Do
4.	E Bishop Owner B Banks Occupt..	19	Essex St	Do
5.	T. Ellison Owner. Ann Shute Occupt	245	Water St	Do
6.	Charity Hamill Lessee & Occupt....	75	Cortlandt St	Do
7.	H. Rankin Owner. S. Burdett Occupt	2	Temple St	Do
8.	John Smith Lessee & Occupt.....	146	Washington St	Do
9.	J. Meeks Owner J Marston Occupt.	12	Thames St	Do
10.	S. S. Gould Owner J. Patton Occupt.	73.	Cortlandt St	Do
11.	H. Rankin Owner. J. Clark Occupt..	74	Liberty St	Do
12.	Thos Adams Lessee and Occupt....	76	Do	Do
13.	[280] Mrs Mary Chystie Owner & Occupt	77.	Do	Do
14.	H. Rankin Owner. G. Kirk Occupt..	78.	Do	Do
15.	G. Haight Owner. D. D. Denning Occupt	88.	Do	Do
16.	J. P. Demilt Owner A Gamage Occupt	89.	Do	Do
17.	Mrs Champlin Owner A Haggerty Occupt	93.	Do	Do
18.	Anthy Post Esqr Owner & Occupt...	94.	Do	Do

19. J. Halstead Owner. J Clark & S. Clay Occupt^{s}	102 Liberty S^{t}	A Privy	
20. T. S. Townsend Owner. M. Thompson Occupt	104.	D^{o}	D^{o}
21. A Post Owner, W^{m} Bleecker Occupt.	106.	D^{o}	D^{o}
22. A Post Owner. G. Gilfert Occupt.	107.	D^{o}	D^{o}
23. J. Hone Owner. J. G. Forbes Occupt.	112.	D^{o}	D^{o}
24. C. Del Vecchio Owner H. Stephens Occupt	117	D^{o}	D^{o}
25. G. Lindsey Owner M^{rs} H Cassedy Occupt	122	D^{o}	D^{o}
26. L. Lefferts Owner M^{rs} J. W. Watkins Occupt	16 Vesey S^{t}		D^{o}
27. Catharine Smith Owner & Occupt	26.	D^{o}	D^{o}
28. J. Hyslop Owner. M. Albert Occupt.	41.	D^{o}	D^{o}
29. Miss. M. Bard Owner. Judge Pendleton Agent and M^{rs} Jn^{o} Blagge Occupt	43	D^{o}	D^{o}
30. Philip Grim Owner & Occupt	45.	D^{o}	D^{o}
32. M. Allison Owner & Occupt	46 & 48.	D^{o}	D^{o}
33. C. Ray Owner H. King Occupt	51.	D^{o}	D^{o}
34. C. Ray Owner J. Berjeau Occupt	53.	D^{o}	D^{o}
35. A Van Buskirk Owner. D. Morris Occupt	59.	D^{o}	D^{o}
36. D^{o} Owner A Burr Occupt	61.	D^{o}	D^{o}
37. G. Gosman Owner. J. Low Occupt	62.	D^{o}	D^{o}
38. Harmanus Talman Owner & Occupt	64.	D^{o}	D^{o}
39. J. J. Westervelt Owner J. Van Winkle Occupt	66.	D^{o}	D^{o}
40. [281] M^{rs} Westervelt Owner & Occupt	72	D^{o}	D^{o}
41. D. E. Tylee Owner W^{m} Higgins Occupt	74.	D^{o}	D^{o}
42. D^{o} Owner S. Harvey Occupt	76	D^{o}	D^{o}
43. D^{o} Owner O. Halstead Occupt	78.	D^{o}	D^{o}
44. D^{o} Owner M^{rs} M. Woods Occupt	82.	D^{o}	D^{o}
45. M. J. Ryerson Owner Randolph & Martin Occupt^{s}	86.	D^{o}	D^{o}

46.	M. J. Ryerson	Owner J Concklin Occup^{t}	88.	Vesey S^{t}	A Privy
47.	D^{o}	Owner W^{m} Ross Occup^{t}	90.	D^{o}	D^{o}
48.	D^{o}	Owner W^{m} A. Taylor Occup^{t}	92.	D^{o}	D^{o}
49.	D^{o}	Owner T. A. Gill Occup^{t}	94.	D^{o}	D^{o}
50.	M^{rs} E. Thomson	Occup^{t}.....	93	Maiden Lane	D^{o}

The Committee on the Remonstrance against the Horse Market near Elm Street presented a Report which was agreed to the Report was as follows

The Members of the Board to whom the Petition of Sundry Persons residing in the Vecinity of the Horse Market. Representing the Danger and difficulties to which they and their Families are exposed by the moving and exposing Horses for Sale Immediately before their Houses &c. Do view the same as a serious cause of Complaint, and viewing it as such would recommend that the Horse Market be removed up Elm Street from the North end of the Arsnal extending on Elm Street to the Intersection of Canal Street

March 24th 1817. W^{m} Alburtis
Robert M^{c}Queen

[282] The Committee on the Petition for widening North Street presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table. and the Street Commissioner was directed to give Notice in the Papers of the present Application

On Motion of Alderman Mapes the Counsel of the Board was directed to make the Necessary Application to the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in relation to the Ground to be taken for a Scite of the Market at Fulton Street (late Beekman Slip)

Depositions on the Subject in favour of the Ferry at Grand Street were read, and the Ferry Committee on the Petition of William Hunter presented the following Report which was agreed to and the Council of the Board was directed to prepare the necessary Lease, which Report is as follows

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Hunter and others praying for the Establishing a Ferry at the foot of Grand Street in this City to the place called Morrells Point or Yorkton on Long Island. Beg leave to Report

That they have had the Subject under Consideration for a long time and have finally concluded (Notwithstanding the many Objections thereto) to Grant the Prayer of the Petitioners by giving them [283] a Lease for the aforesaid Ferry for the Term of Seven Years from the first day of May next ensuing for the Yearly Rent of one Pepper Corn. Provided they put on the said Ferry a Team Boat to be propelled by not less than by Eight Horses to be Completed and running on the Ferry in Six Months from the time of their receiving a Lease for the same

All which is Respectfully Submitted

New York March 24th 1817. Peter Conrey
William Alburtis

The Committee on the Petition for Opening Bancker Street presented the following Report which was agreed to. and the Council of the Board was directed to take the necessary legal Measures for carrying the same into effect—The Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Inhabitants of N York praying that Banker St may be opened between Clinton St & Corlears Hook Report That your Committee have examined the ground proposed to be dug away in order to open the Street & find that there is but a short distance to be dug thro' & that the expense will be inconsiderable, & as the proprietors of Lots in that part of the Street cannot reap the least benefit till the Street is so regulated, Your Comee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted, & that the Counsel to the board be instructed to take legal measures to open the said Street it, having been advertised & no objections made thereto

Sigd Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster
Jno McComb St Comssr

[284] The Committee of Applications on the Petition of Isachar Couzens to be appointed an Inspector of Manure Reported in favour of his Application and he was Appointed accordingly

The Committee on the Petition of Edward Hitchcock presented the following Report as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Hitchcock Lessee of the same for 1815

Beg leave to Report That they have duly considered the Application of the Petitioner and would Suggest the propriety to this Board of granting him the following Relief viz

For being deprived of the use of Market Slip by the Team Boat Occupying the Slip at the time the Improvement was making at Catharine Slip	$100.
For being deprived of the use of Catharine Slip. the Team Boat having the entire use of the same	50.
For being deprived of the use of the West side of the West pier at Pike Slip	300.
Total Amount	$450.

All which is Respectfully Submitted

Peter Conrey
G. Buckmaster
A H Lawrence

New York March 24th 1817.

Which was agreed to

[285] The Committe on the Subject of the Collect Grounds presented a Plan of the Street Commissioner for Regulating the Ground of Collect and Canal Streets which was read and laid on the Table. And it was further Ordered that the Sale of the Collect Lots be postponed until the further direction of the Board

The Committee on the Subject of limiting the number of Measurers presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on the Petition of Henry Rutgers presented the following Report, which was agreed to. and the Council directed to Report the Necessary Grant.

The Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips. together with the Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom was referred on the 24th Ultº the Petition of Henry Rutgers for a Water Lot Grant in front of his property in the 7th Ward. Respectfully Report

That they have Carefully examined the Subject and agreed to recommend the following Proposition

That a Grant be prepared by the Counsel of the Board to the Petitioner for the right of Soil from the South side of Water Street to South Street between Rutgers Slip and Clinton Street. reserving to the Corporation the right of forming a Public Bason in such place as they may think proper leaving Jefferson [286] Street Sixty feet Wide and Clinton Street to be Widened to Sixty feet, and South Street to be Continued Seventy feet—The usual Covenants to be inserted for making and keeping in repair the Wharves and Streets

The Annual Rent to be three Shillings per foot to Commence the

first of May One thousand seven hundred and ninety three, and all Arrears to be paid to the first of May next

G. Buckmaster
Peter Conrey
March 24th 1817. A H. Lawrence
G. N. Bleecker Comptr
Jno McComb St Comr

The Resolution laid on the Table on the Subject of Changing the Names of Sundry Streets was called up and read as follows and agreed to and the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to make the Necessary Alterations on the Direction Boards of said Streets. Which Resolution is in the words following vizt

Whereas by the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York Passed on the 3rd April 1807. Commissioners were appointed to lay out the Northern part of the Island of New York into Streets & Roads and the said Commissioners in performing the duties enjoined upon them. Did lay out and designate great Roads called Avenues. running Northwardly in the [287] Direction of the Island. and other Roads or Streets crossing them at right Angles, which Streets have been distinguished, and are known by Numerical Numbers as first second, third and fourth Streets &c. And Whereas there are five other Streets in the tenth Ward of this City, known and distinguished as first second third fourth and Sixth *Wards* [Streets], which Streets Commence at Division Street and run Northerly to North Street. and Whereas it becomes necessary to prevent confusion that the Names of the said Streets should be altered therefore

Resolved that the said Streets called first 2nd 3rd 4th & 6th Streets running Northwardly & Southwardly in the tenth Ward between Division and North Streets have their Names changed and be distinguished from and after the first of May next as follows vizt

1st First Street shall be called Chrystie Street in honor of Lt Col. John Chrystie a Citizen of New York who died on the Niagara frontier during the late War while in the Service of the United States—Lt Col Chrystie entered the Service of his Country as a Lieut of Infanty in 1808 and was promoted to the grade of Lt Col. at the commencement of the War. His Zeal and Activity as an Officer were unequaled and the Scholar being united to the Soldier. who had youth and a good Constitution on his side, much was to be expected, but sickness cut short his days at the commencement of a promising and glorious career. Death closed his Eyes on the 22nd day of July 1813.

[288] only having allowed him to shine conspicuous for Valour so disastrous to the American Arms on the 13th October 1812 at which time in Company with the brave Scott he Assisted in attacking and was among the first to Scale the Ramparts of the fort at Queenston heights in Upper Canada which was carried, defended and kept for several hours in the face of a powerful Enemy which by reinforcements at length overwhelmed the Heoric Band and made them Prisoners. Col[l] Chrystie was exchanged and returned to duty on the same frontier where a febrile disease destroyed the prospect of future fame by cutting short his day in the prime and vigour of Manhood

2nd Second Street, shall be called Forsyth Street in Honor of Lieut Colonel Forsyth of the United States Rifle Corps, who distinguished himself in the late War on Various Occasions by his conspicious Bravery Enterprize and activity and who died of a Wound received in Lower Canada on the twenty eighth day of June One thousand eight hundred and thirteen

3rd Third Street shall be named Eldridge Street after Lieut Eldridge of New York, whose promising Talents as an Officer in the United States Army gave great hopes of Military renown and promised much service to his Country, but he was arrested in his hopeful Career by the Tomahawk of the Savages in Upper Canada on the Seventh day of July One thousand eight hundred and thirteen but not without defending himself [289] and Companions like a Brave Man—He with a small party was Surrounded by a host of Savages who murdered scalped and mangled them

4th Fourth Street, shall be named Allen Street in Honor of William H. Allen of the United States Navy who Commanded the Sloop of War Argus of Eighteen Guns, and who died of a Wound received on Board of that Vessel when she was engaged with the British Sloop of War Pelican. Captain Allen lost his life and his Vessel. but he lost no reputation in the Conflict and his Name will not be forgotten as long as his Country lasts. Previous to his Capture Capt[n] Allen had taken twenty one Sail of the Enemy's Vessels by Cruising in the English and Irish Channels and at length after a severe conflict in which he received his Mortal wound he was taken on the fourteenth day of August One thousand eight hundred and thirteen by the British Sloop of War Pelican of Twenty four Guns. fitted out and manned with a full Complement of Men and munitions of War for the purpose of Engaging the Argus whose intrepid Commander did not shun the Battle

Sixth Street shall be called Ludlow Street in Honor of Lieu[t] Ludlow of the United States Navy whose gallant conduct in several Naval Engagements during the late War exalted him in the hearts of his Countrymen. and gave a deep tinge to the Sorrow excited by his Death, and when he was finally consigned [290] to the Tomb, along with his honored Commander Capt[n] Lawrence on the Sixteenth of September One thousand eight hundred and thirteen These Valuable Officers received their Death Wounds on the first of June One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, when the United States Ship Chesapeake was engaged and taken by the British Frigate Shannon in sight of the Harbour of Boston. They were buried at Halifax. disinterred and carried to Salem in Massachusetts by Captain Crownenshield and from thence brought to New York and consined to the silent Tomb in this City. amid the regrets of their Countrymen and fellow Citizens.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to attend to the altering of the names of the aforesaid Streets

Alderman Mapes called the Attention of the Board to the Consideration of the Sums still due and uncollected for the Assessment of Canal Street. and to the necessity of taking some definitive Measures respecting the same. which after some discussion thereon was postponed for further Consideration

A Resolution was presented by the Recorder. referring it to a Committee to Enquire if Legislature Provisions was necessary to regulate the allowance to Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment [291] and Collectors of Taxes. and if not to report suitable allowances for the same—which Resolution was agreed to The Committee appointed were the Council of the board the Street Commissioner and Comptroller—And the Memorial and Bill presented at the last Meeting by the Council on the Subject of Compensation to Assessors which was then laid on the Table was now referred to the same Committee

On Motion of M[r] Akerly it was Ordered that a Warrant Issue in favour of the Superintendant of Repairs for Two hundred Dollars for Workmen employed in regulating the ground in the rear of the City Hall.

The Street Commissioner agreeable to Order presented an Ordinance for making West Street from Cortlandt Street, and recommended that it should be so made to Duane Street instead of Hubert Street as at first recommended, which was agreed to and the Law passed accordingly

The Council presented Certificates of Sale of certain Lots which were Sold by the Street Commissioner on the sixth of March Instant

for the purpose of satisfying certain Assessments in pursuance of an Act Entitled An Act for the more effectual collection of Taxes and Assessments in the City of New York passed the twelfth [292] day of April One thousand eight hundred and fourteen which said Certificates were directed to be duly executed He also presented a Lease to John DeClew for Flag Staff at the Battery and to Adam Thompson for part of a Lot in Mulberry Street, which were directed to be executed.

He also presented agreeably to order a Law Entitled a Law regulating the Sale of certain Fish which was read by Paragraphs and passed

The Comptroller presented the Sealed Proposals for leasing for one Year the Public Docks and Slips which he had received in pursuance of the Advertisement directed to be made in the Public Papers when upon opening and examining the same it appeared that Charles Smith had offered the Sum of Twenty six thousand five hundred Dollars, which being the highest Sum offered it was Ordered. That the Public Docks and Slips be rented to said Charles Smith at the Sum above mentioned for the Term of One Year from the first day of May next upon his giving sufficient Security for performing the Covenants in the Lease and paying the Rent. said Sureties to be approved by the Mayor

Resolved that the Laws heretofore passed and now in force. be and the same are hereby [293] continued in force and operation until the first day of May next.

The Board then took up the Consideration of the revised Laws, and after some time spent therein adjourned to meet on this day fortnight at four OClock

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	9143.73
Warrants not presented	1231. 3
	$7912.70

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner Watch 1st District	498.75
Walton & Hibberd do 2nd do	682.50
Norris & Anderson do 3rd do	670.25
Bleakley & Brower do 4th do	413.
Thos P. Low Printing for Clerk & Street Commisr 1st Feby to 21st Inst	26.25
John Randel Jr on Acct Ordered 17th Inst	500.
Ephraim Ginnings. balce working 3rd Avenue	1477.40

John Morss and others Arbn fees in Case of E Ginnings	60.
Archd Smyth balce Regulating Washington Street	706. 5
John Stanley filling Corporation Ground Occupd by Supert of Repairs	451.62
James Vincents Acct Do Do	300.
John Bailey Acct paving Greenwich St	300.
John Bailey balance paving Varick Street	151. 2
Jacob P. Roome Supt of Repairs for Engine house	500.
Jacob P. Roome Supt of Repairs for Materials	150.
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	1000.
	7886.84
Balance	$25.86

[294] Special Meeting In Common Council March 31st 1817.
Present The Honble Richard Riker Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Conrey	Peter A. Jay
Thomas R. Smith	Jacob Lorillard
George Buckmaster	Anthony L. Underhill
Arthur Burtis	John Brown
Reuben Munson	William Stone
	Robert McQueen
	Samuel Akerly
	George B. Thorp
	John H. Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Revised Laws. The Law "to regulate the raising and lowering of Merchandize" was read and passed and directed to go into immediate operation—The Clerk was directed to cause the same to be published in the papers employed by the Board. After some consideration of the Laws the same was postponed and the following business was transacted

The New Loan Officers of the County of New [295] York made a Representation on the Subject of Monies due by Mortgage from the Estate of George B. Ewart Decd of which a particular representation was made in the Years One thousand eight hundred and fifteen and One thousand eight hundred and sixteen. the Sum due at present they stated at One thousand and fifty four Dollars and ninety seven Cents. and praying the Corporation to direct the payment of the same. Whereupon the same was referred to the Council of the Board and Comptroller to Report.

The same Officers represented that default having been made in the payment of the Interest on Mortgages Numbers One hundred and

thirty four. One hundred and sixty eight, and One hundred and seventy eight executed by Anthony Bleecker to the New Loan Officers on Twenty one Lots of Ground Numbers eight hundred and four to eight hundred and twenty four Inclusive Situate in the seventh (now eighth) Ward on which is now due for Principal Interest and Costs Seven thousand one hundred and thirty Dollars and sixty three Cents. and that the same will be sold at Auction on the fifteenth day of April next. and as by Law the Corporation are responsible to the State for any deficiencies which may arise on the Sale. Recommending to the Common Council to appoint a person to attend said Sale was read Whereupon it was Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to attend said Sale and purchase in on the part [296] of this Corporation if he should Judge the same adviseable

Petitions from Patrick Monaghan. Ab^{m} Franklin, Joseph Copp, Charles Thompson, Abraham Asten. Adolphus Loss and of Andrew Bremner for the Appointment of Deputy Clerk of the Fly Market vacated by the Death of John Raynor were read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Memorial of the Baptist Church in Fayette Street Complaining of sundry Assessments having been laid upon Ground owned by them and Occupied as a Burial place, which places they understand are exempted from Assessments was read and referred to the Comptroller

An Application of Samuel Parsons to construct a Vault at Number Thirty two Cliff S^{t} was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual Terms

A Memorial from John Jay. Peter Jay Munro and Gurdon S. Mumford Owners of Land between Broadway. Elm. White and Canal Streets stating that they have laid out an Alley through their Ground called Cortlandt Alley parallel with Broadway and distant One hundred and fifty feet from it [297] that they are desirous said Alley should be laid out so that the Western side be One hundred and seventy five feet from Broadway, and Praying Authority for the same was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner with Authority to Act in the premises as they shall Judge expedient

A Remonstrance against the Assessment for Well and Pump in Leonard near Elm Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition that Henry Street may be opened from Rutgers Street to Walnut Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Memorial from the Proprietors of the Corlaers Hook Ferry

Boat Company remonstrating against the Grant made at the last Meeting of the Board to William Hunter and others Proprietors of the Grand Street Ferry and praying that all further proceedings on said Grant may be stayed until they can be heard in the premises was Read and on Motion that all proceedings on said Grant may be staid, and the Question taken thereon and a division being called it passed in Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative				Negative	
Aldn	Conrey	Mr	Brown	Aldn Buckmaster	
[298] "	Smith	"	Stone	" Burtis	
"	Munson	"	McQueen	Mr Akerly	3
Mr	Jay	"	Thorp		
"	Lorillard	"	Talman		
"	Underhill	"	Cooper	12	

The Committee on the Petition for opening Franklin Street through to Provost Street presented a Report recommending that the Prayer of the Petition be granted. which was read and agreed to and the Council was directed to take the legal Steps for carrying the same into effect

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the tenth of February last respecting the Medical department of Bellevieu presented the following Report which was agreed to, and is as follows

The Committee to which was referred the Subject of changing the present mode of Administering Medical aid to the Sick in the Alms house and [299] Penatentiary Respectfully Report

That they have had the matter under consideration they have visited the premises and obtained such Information as they could in Relation thereto. from all which they are fully convinced that some alteration should be made without delay—There are more than Two hundred Sick now under the charge of the Visiting Physician—And as he attends usually twice a Week it is found utterly Impracticable for him to see the whole of them even once during that time. nor is it possible that the House Physician can pay that Attention to these cases which they require

He is engaged in a most Laborious duty from morning to night. he makes up and prepares all the Medicines prescribed. he administers them under the direction of the Visiting Physician and attends generally to the relief of the Sick as far as in his power.

He is called up at all hours of the night to attend to urgent cases which frequently occur and must naturally be expected among so large a number of persons. and during the last eighteen Months there have

been about One hundred and thirty births within the Walls of the Alms House at most of which he has Assisted

Your Committee think that the cause of humanity as well as the Credit and Interest of the Noble Institution require that steps should immediately be taken to remedy the evil It is therefore respectfully [300] Proposed that henceforth there be two Resident or House Physicians of Competent knowledge and skill to be appointed by this Board in lieu of the present House Physician. the one to be called the House Physician and the other the House Surgeon That the Alms House & Penitentiary be divided between them by the Commissioners thereof, according to their Complaints and diseases into Medical and Surgical. And that they be considered under their Directions generally in all matters relating to the sick

That for their Services they be allowed each a Salary of Two hundred and fifty Dollars per Annum payable Quarterly together with the usual privilege of dieting in the House

The Committee also propose that two other Physicians should be appointed by this Board instead of the present attending Physician to be called the Visiting Physician and Visiting Surgeon, who shall superintend and prescribe for their respective Patients visiting them twice a Week or oftner should they deem it necessary.

That the said Appointments shall be honorary and without Salary —That the House Physician and House Surgeon. be considered under their direction each in his own department. but always with the privilege of prescribing and acting in all Cases in the absence of the former

[301] And that so much of the Law in relation to the Appointment of Physicians to the Alms house and Bridewell as is inconsistent herewith be repealed

New York March 31st 1817.

Th R Smith
Reuben Munson
Samuel Akerly

A Letter from Doctor Felix Pascalis resigning his Office of Physician and Surgeon of the Alms House and Penatentiary was read and his Resignation accepted—Whereupon the Board proceeded to elect persons to fill the Offices of the Medical Department in the Alms House Institution, when on Motion of Mr Akerly Doctor Stephen Brown was appointed House Surgeon. Doctor John J Howe. House Physician and on Motion of Alderman Smith. Doctor Charles Drake was appointed Honorary Visiting Physician & Doctor Benjamin A. Akerly was appointed Honorary visiting Surgeon

A Resolution presented by the Comittee on the Fire Department to authorise the Erection of two Engine and Hook and Ladder Houses on the Ground lately purchased at the corner of Hudson & Christopher Street for the Accomodation of the Engine and Hook and Ladder removed from the Church Ground at Greenwich was read and referred to the same Committee with Authority to carry said Resolution into effect

[302] The Committee on Public Lands & places on the Petition of John Vanderlyn presented the following Report which was agreed to

The Committee on Public Lands and places to which was referred the Petition of John Vanderlyn Report

That they have conferred with Mr Vanderlyn on the Subject of his Application and examined the plan of a Building proposed to be erected to be called a Rotund for the Exhibition of certain Paintings to the best Advantage. He proposes to erect a circular Brick Building Fifty feet in Diameter and thirty feet high with a projection in front and an elegant frontispiece which will make a highly ornamental Edifice for that part of the City, where it is proposed to be erected—He asks of the Corporation the Lease of a piece of Ground sufficient for the above purpose somewhere on Chamber Street or Broadway

Your Committee beg leave to state that Mr Vanderlyn is a Young artist of great skill and eminence in the line of his Profession, a Native of the State of New York and has been highly distinguished abroad for his Talents in painting. Your Committee are of opinion that his labours and exertions should be patronized and retained at home by a liberal grant of the public ground for a sufficient length of time to compensate him for the expence he must necessarily incur [303] by the Contemplated Building. which besides Ornamenting the City will encourage the Arts and Sciences, chasten the public Taste and do honor to the Institutions of our City

Your Committee are therefore of Opinion and accordingly recommend that the Corporation Lease to Mr John Vanderlyn for nine Years from thirteenth of May One thousand eight hundred and seventeen at the Annual Rent of One Pepper Corn the Lot at the corner of Chamber and Cross Streets. fronting Fifty feet on Chamber Street and extending along Cross Street to the Humane Society Soup House Provided however that at the expiration of the said Lease the ground be restored to the Corporation together with the Buildings and Improvements thereon, free from any charge for their own proper benefit and use—Your Committee also recommend that he have Immediate possession

of the premises to commence his Improvements. a plan of which accompanies this Report

All which is Respectfully submitted

Arthur Burtis
Samuel Akerly
John H. Talman
J Brown

The same Committee on the Petition of the Shipwrights and Caulkers presented the following

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Society of Shipwrights and Caulkers Report

[304] That during the last Year an Elegant model of a Ship of the line was made by the Voluntary labour of the Shipwrights and other Mechanics, on a Scale, which made the model feet in length completely finished in all its parts with the most exact proportion and symmetry—The Model now belongs and is in the care of the United Society of Journeymen Shipwrights and Caulkers—They Petition for a Room on the ground floor of the Old Alms House as a place of deposit for the said Model.

Your Committee think that as our City is highly distinguished for Naval Architecture the Applicants should be encouraged, and the Prayer of their Petition granted. they therefore recomme[n]d

That the Room on the Ground floor of the Old Alms House next to Chamber Street in the East Wing. be leased to the said Society for the same Time and Terms as other Leases in that building—Provided they keep and apply the said premises for the purpose of there exhibiting and preserving models of Naval Architecture and for no other use & provided also that the said Society obtain the consent of the Commissioners of the Alms House to occupy the room

J. Brown
Arthur Burtis
Samuel Akerly
Jn° H. Talman

[305] Which being read it was Resolved that leave be given to the Petitioners to occupy the Premises mentioned in said Report for and during the Pleasure of the Common Council and no longer.

The Committee on the Petition of Robert Macomb presented the following Report which having been read it was specially Ordered that the Clerk enter the said Report at length on the Minutes and that the Report be laid on the Table. (which is as follows)

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Robert Macomb

Respectfully Report That the object of the said Robert Macomb is to obtain the Concurrence of this Corporation in an Application he intends making to the Legislature for a Grant to him and his Heirs of a right of taking Toll for the passage of a Bridge which he has built over Haerlem River at Devoes Point.

To enable the Common Council to decide upon the propriety of granting Mr Macombs request The Committee will state the facts relative to his Bridge which have come to their knowledge

On the 1st March 1813. Mr Macomb presented to the Common Council a Memorial stating that he was about presenting a Petition to the Legislature for permission [306] to build a Bridge and Dam from Bussings Point to Devoes Point. and as such Bridge would be very Convenient as he proposed to take a moderate Toll. and as he was willing to devote one half of that Toll to the Poor of the City he hoped for an Expression of the Approbation of the Common Council of his Plan.

This Memorial was referred to a Committee who on the 8th March 1813. Reported that it would not be adviseable for the Common Council to do any specific Act on the Subject. But the Report expressed an Opinion that the Bridge at Devoes point would be a Public convenience.

On the 8th April 1813 an Act was passed by the Legislature of the State Authorizing Mr Macomb to build a Dam across Harlaem River from Bussings Point to Devoes Point. Provided the consent of this Corporation should first be obtained, and provided that nothing in that Act should be construed to impair the rights of the Haerlem Bridge Company.

On the 19th April 1813. Mr Macomb presented a Petition to the Common Council. stating the before-mentioned Act. soliciting the consent of the Common Council and praying that a scite for the Bridge might be located by the City Surveyor

On the 21st June a Remonstrance was presented to the Common Council from John B. Coles

On the 9th August 1813. A Memorial was presented [307] by Robert Morris in favour of Mr Macomb's Application

On the 23rd August 1813. another Memorial of Mr Macomb on the Subject. a Letter from Mr Gouverneur Morris and various Petitions All in favour of Mr Macomb's Application were presented to the

Common Council and together with the former papers referred to the Committee of Laws and to the Committee of Surveys

It is here proper to state that the Legislature had formerly granted to Lewis Morris and his Assigns the exclusive right of building Bridges across Harlaem River to Morrissania—At the time of this Grant Devoes point was not a part of the Town of Morrissania but was said to be included in the Patent of Morrissania And hence a question arose whether the word Morrissania used by the Legislature was meant to indicate the Town or the Patent of that name. If the latter then Mr Coles who claims as Assignee of Lewis Morris insisted that Mr Macomb had no right to build a Bridge at Devoes Point. Whether it was for this or for any other reason your Committee know not. but the Legislature by their Act of 1813. had not granted to Mr Macomb the permission which he had asked to erect a Bridge. but had allowed him to build a Dam at Devoes point. provided the Corporation should consent. On the 20th September 1813 the Committee of Laws and Committee of Surveys Reported in substance. That an Accomodation of all conflicting claims had taken place. That Mr Macomb had agreed to withdraw [308] his Application for building a Bridge, and that the Haerlem Bridge Company had agreed to withdraw their Opposition to his Dam—That the Haerlem Bridge Company had also agreed to apply to the Legislature at the next Session for a Law Authorizing them to erect a Bridge at Devoes point for the Passing of which they were to receive no more than half the Toll now demanded at Haerlem Bridge

Whereupon the Common Council passed the following Resolution

Resolved that the Board Consent that Robert Macomb build a Dam across Harlaem River from Bussings Point to Devoes Point conformably to the Act of the Legislature passed in his favour and his Petition for such consent. The Location of such Dam and the Terms of the Grant to be under the Direction of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller of this Board. That the Board do consent to the Building of the Bridge between the above-mentioned points by the Haerlem Bridge Company. Provided the Toll to be taken at the same do not exceed one half of the Toll allowed to be taken at the present Harlaem Bridge. And that this Board do recommend to the Legislature to pass a Law Authorizing that Company to build the said Bridge

Your Committee further report that in pursuance of the above Resolution the Haerlem Bridge Company did apply to the Legislature at the next Session 1814. for permission to build a Bridge at Devoes point. And on this Occasion Mr Macomb did make a Communication

in writing which your Committee have seen to the Members from the County of Westchester then in the Assembly stating that he intended to build such Bridge as well as Dam and to complete it in August then next. That in Case the Legislature [309] rejected the Application of Mr Coles he would make a Road from Kingsbridge to Devoes point. and another Road frim Williams's Bridge to Devoes point at his own expence. and would keep these Roads in repair and would demand for passing the said Bridge and Roads only one half of the Toll of Harlem Bridge—Your Committee further Report that no act was passed by the Legislature Authorising Mr Macomb or the Haerlem Bridge Company to erect a Bridge at Devoes point, But Mr Macomb has proceeded to build the Bridge without any Authority and has not made the above mentioned Roads

The Bridge thus Constructed consists of the Dam itself which Mr Macomb was Authorized to erect and which for the purpose of being also used as a bridge has been made wider and in a more expensive manner than would otherwise have been necessary. The same Law which Grants permission to build the Dam also grants to Mr Macomb and his heirs forever the Sole and exclusive use of the Water dammed A grant which at no great distance of time will probably be of exceeding great value

From the preceeding statement of facts it appears that Mr Macomb first proposed to devote one half the Tolls of the Bridge to the use of the Poor of this City

That the Haerlem Bridge Company were willing to erect the said Bridge and to receive only half the Toll receaveable at Harlaem Bridge

That Mr Macomb offered to erect the said Bridge and also to make certain Roads and to receive only half the Tolls of Haerlem Bridge

That he has Erected the Bridge without permission from the Legislature or from this Corporation. That the Bridge consisting of the Dam which he has built for his own private Emolument. the expence of it has been much less than if it had been built by any other Individual.

Your Committee therefore are of Opinion that the Common Council ought not to unite in Mr Macomb's present Application for a Toll unless the same be restricted to the same or nearly the same amount with that which was asked by Mr Macomb himself in 1814. And then that the grant of a Toll may be for a limited time in Order that its amount may again be brought before the Legislature, and that it may hereafter be increased or diminished as Justice and expediency may require—Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution. Resolved that this Board will unite with Robert Macomb in an

Application to the Legislature requesting them to grant to him and Assigns for the Term of Years the following Tolls for passing the Bridge by him erected from Bussings point to Devoes point. to wit. For every four Wheeled Pleasur Carriage drawn by not more than two Horses 20 Cents For every two Wheeled Pleasure Carriage drawn by not more than two Horses 10 Cents. for every Pleasure Sleigh drawn by not more than two Horses 10 Cents. For every Waggon drawn by not more than two Horses 6 Cents. For every common Sled drawn by not more than two Horses 6 Cents. For every Ox Cart drawn by not more *that* [than] two Oxen 6 Cents. For every One Horse Cart 5 Cents. for every Man and Horse 5 Cents. For every Horse Ox. Cow, Steer, Mule or Ass at large 1 Cent For every Hog, Sheep or Calf ½ Cent. For every Foot Passenger 2 Cents. And for every Ox or Horse above two employed in drawing any Carriage Sled or Conveyance 3 Cents

Peter Augustus Jay
Arthur Burtis

[310] A Petition of the Assistants to the City Inspector for an Increase of Salary was read and laid on the Table

Resolved that the Finance Committee with the Comptroller be directed to dispose of Ten thousand Dollars Seven per Cent Stock of the United States for the purpose of redeeming the Corporation Bills of Credit

Resolved that it be referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to raise the Floor of Washington Market at the entrance or passage in the center from Washington Street to a level with the main floor

Ordered that a Warrant Issue in favour of Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House for Five Thousand Dollars for the use of the Alms house

Resolved that the Committee on Public Lands and places be Instructed to report on the propriety of enclosing the Public Grounds in the Rear of the City Hall with Iron Railing or otherwise

The Board then proceeded to appoint a Deputy Clerk for the Fly Market in the place of John Rayner Deceased. when Peter Ammerman was unanimously appointed to fill that Office

[311] In Common Council April 7th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presit
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles.	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L. Underhill
Augustine H. Lawrence	John Brown
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	Robert McQueen
William Alburtis	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	John H. Talman
Arthur Burtis	Thomas Cooper
Nicholas Fish	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants for filling up the low Grounds. between Canal and Spring Streets was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for paving the upper end of Broadway was read and referred to the Street Commissioner & Street Committee

[312] A Petition of George W. Hall and A Bolton stating that there is a bend in the Road between the Houses of Aaron Post and Jacob Hyatt near Kings Bridge and praying they may be permitted to carry the Road straight, and they will give the Ground for the purpose, and make the Road on the Corporation granting the use of the Old Road—Which was read and referred to the Road Committee with Authority to grant the Prayer of the Petition

A Petition of Thomas Dennison was read stating that he is Owner of the Brig Hannah that said Vessel arrived with a number of Alien Passengers at New Port in Distress. that said Passengers were there landed and brought to this Port in the Sloop Susan of New Port. That the Captain of the Susan was prosecuted for bringing said Passengers and not reporting them, in which Suit the Petitioner was Bail

That the Petitioner Immediately Reported and entered into Bonds for said Passengers, and he Prays that the Suit Commenced against the Captain may be discharged, and the Penalty if any is incurred be remitted

Ordered that it be referred to the Attorney of the Board with Authority, to remit the Penalty on payment of Costs

A Petition of William Smith for the [313] Appointment of Measurer of Grain and of Thomas Lesly for Appointment of Street Inspector was Read & referred to the Committee on Applications

A Letter was received from Leffert Lefferts Offering to the Corporation (to be valued at the present time) his Water Lots Numbers Two hundred and three and Two hundred and five Front Street which he understands will be required for the Seite of the proposed Market at Fulton (late Beekman) Slip. Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A Memorial of Henry Simmons praying to be exonerated from his liability as Security for John Rayner late Assistant Clerk of the Fly market. which was read and leave given to the Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants Praying that Front Street may be opened from Gouverneur Slip to Walnut Slip was read and referred to the Street Commissioner. with Authority to comply with the Request of the Petitioners.

A Petition of Minton and Higgins praying remission of a fine incurred by selling Liquor without Licence was read and referred to the Attorney to Report

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing near [314] Rutgers Slip for building a Bulkhead across Rutgers Slip on the South side of Water Street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips and the Street Commissioner

A Petition from John Jackson and Samuel R. Marshall in favour of granting the Prayer of Samuel Evans for the Ferry at Gouverneur Street to Bridge Street on Long Island was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Memorial of Robert Macomb Praying that the Common Council will rescind the Resolution of last Meeting, directing the Report of the Committee made on his Petition to be inserted at length on the Minutes. as the report does not in the Opinion of the Memorialist contain a compleat and full statement of facts. Ordered that the Memorial be referred to the former Committee

A Petition of Isaac Demilt Praying on Account of his straitened Circumstances and Age (being in his ninetieth Year) that an Assessment laid on him for Taxes and for sinking a Well amounting to twelve Dollars may be remitted to him

Ordered that it be referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of Auguste Gaitan stating that a mistake had been made in the carrying out of the [315] Assessors Tax Book of the Fifth Ward. whereby his Property had been estimated at Five thousand Dollars instead of Five hundred Dollars. and a Certificate to that Effect from the

Assessors being read. it was directed to be referred to the Comptroller to correct the mistake

A Petition of Mary DeGroot was read stating that the Corporation in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seven. renewed to her Mother Catharine Maccavee and her Aunt Mary Carston two aged Females for their Natural lives the Lease of Lot Number One hundred and twenty seven William Street from the Corporation—That said Catharine and Mary have departed this life—That the Petitioner always lived with and aided in the Support of said Persons—That the Petitioner is now advanced in life being above Sixty Years of Age. and having no dependance for support but her own labour prays the Corporation to continue to her during her life the Lease of said premises —Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller to Report

A Petition of Thomas Storm praying remission of Personal Tax improperly Assessed upon him in the Ninth Ward. he having been assessed and paid his Personal Tax in the first Ward was read and referred to the Comptroller to Report

A Petition of Terence Quin for remission of [316] a Penalty incurred by constructing a Cistern in the Street was read and granted on payment of Costs

A Memorial of Thomas Lawrence & others stating that the Drain in Pearl Street leading to the Common Sewer at the Fly market was obstructed and their Cellars filled with Water and Praying that a Drain may be Constructed similar to the one lately made leading to Burling Slip was read and referred to the Street Commissioner who Immediately Reported an Ordinance therefor which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood. Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were Appointed Assessors therein

An Application was made in behalf of Eliza Evertson, that payment of an Assessment of Forty Dollars laid upon a House belonging to her might be postponed until a Son now Ten years Old might arrive of Age was read and leave given to withdraw the Application

A Petition of George West for payment of Ground taken for opening Hudson Street was read and leave given to withdraw the Petition

A Petition of Alexander S. Glass for remission of penalty Incurred under an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance. was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board and City Inspector with Authority to remit

[317] A Remonstrance from a Number of Inhabitants against the Petition for widening Harman Street was read and referred to the Committee on that Subject viz the Alderman and Assistant of the seventh Ward and Street Commissioner

A Request of the Trustees of the First Baptist Church. to be permitted to construct a Vault for the Interment of the Dead in the Street in front of their Church Yard in Gold Street, was read and leave given to withdraw the Application.

The Street Commissioner on the Remonstrance against the Assessment for a Well and Pump in Leonard near Elm Street. presented a Report recommending that the Assessment be referred back to the Assessors. but stating that a part of the Money due on the Assessment had been collected. Whereupon it was Resolved that the Report be disagreed to that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

The Street Commissioner presented the following.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to represent to the Common Council that the Supreme Court did confirm the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening and extending Hudson Street from Greenwich Lane to the ninth Avenue on 24th of October last. And also for Opening and extending Hudson Street from Christopher Street to Greenwich Lane on [318] 17th January last

He would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of an Order being given to open said Street Immediately after the first of May next, and that the Buildings and other Incumbrances thereon be sold at Auction on first Monday of May

7th April 1817. Respectfully Submitted
Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

Which was approved and he was directed to take measures accordingly

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Goerck Street between Goerck and Broome Streets which was passed & Abraham Bloodgood. Jacob C. Mott and John Brower was appointed Assessors therein

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were Ordered to Issue to the Collectors for Collecting the same. viz.

Assessment for opening the eighth Avenue
Surplus on ..... D°
Opening ..... tenth Avenue
Opening ..... Seventieth Street
Widening ..... Thompson Street

[319] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances which were passed viz

N° 1.	H^y Sinclair Owner A. Mabie Occup^t		N° 34	Chamber S^t	A Privy
2.	E. Billington D° A. Debon D° .		4	Chapel S^t	D°
3.	D. L. Haight D° & Occup^t.....		195	Broadway	D°
4.	Miss A. Arden Owner C. Postly Occup^t		14	Roosevelt S^t	D°
5.	M^rs Isabella Knowlton Owner & Occup^t		137.	Fulton S^t	D°
6.	M. Brownhill Owner W^m March Occup^t		169	Duane S^t	D°
7.	J. Mowatt Jun^r D° P. Shields d°		9	Franklin S^t	D°
8.	P. Van Zandt D° W. H. Maxwell do			Chamber & Washington S^ts	D°
9.	P. Wilson Owner. J. Hewett Occup^t		29	Hester S^t	D°
10.	A. Hassey d° E. Sweeney d°		41.	Elm S^t	D°
11.	M^rs C Lawson Owner & Occup^t....		100.	D°	D°
12.	R. Varick Owner. J. D. Everingham Occup^t		8	Dey S^t	D°
13.	J. Brown D° J. Constantine d°		14.	d°	D°
14.	M^rs E. Mills D° J. Morrison d°		16.	d°	D°
15.	J & S. Magennis Owners & Occup^ts		19	d°	D°
16.	Jacob Antony Owner & Occup^t....		32.	d°	D°
17.	J. Holdron Owner E. J. White Occup^t		34.	d°	D°
18.	H. Ten Brook D° W^m Swan d°		46.	d°	D°
19.	M. LeCount D° J. J. Mumford d°		47.	d°	D°
20.	W. G. Forbes Owner & Occup^t.....		48.	d°	D°
21.	E. Dunscomb Owner J. B. Remyn Occup^t		49.	d°	D°
22.	J. Jennings D° J C. Jaques D°		52	d°	D°
23.	M. Bates Owner & Occup^t.....		54	d°	D°
24.	A. Lozier Owner M^rs J. Stoutenburgh Occup^t		59	d°	D°
25.	J. Hyslop D° W^m Allen d°		62	d°	D°
26.	[320] Den^s Coyle Lessee.....		5	d°	D°
27.	D^r D. Hosack Owner M^rs E Williams Occup^t		8	D°	D°
28	D° D° E Baldwin d°		10	D°	D°
29	W^m Cairns D° Den^s Jones d°		17.	D°	D°
30	J. Sturges D° G. Carter Occup^t		19.	D°	D°
31.	D° D° M. Carr d°		21	D°	D°
32	H. Sinclair D° M^rs W. Deter d°		25	D°	D°

33.	Arthur Hill Lessee & Occup^{t}.....			26.	Dey S^{t}	A Privy
34.	D^{r} Borrowe Owner S. K. Olmstead Occup^{t}			33.	D^{o}	D^{o}
35	Clark	d^{o}	Groshon & Gibbons d^{o}	37.	D^{o}	D^{o}
36.	E. Lyell	d^{o}	E. Childs d^{o}	41.	D^{o}	D^{o}
37.	A. Brown	d^{o}	M. M^{c}Intire d^{o}	42.	D^{o}	D^{o}
38	John De La Montagnie Owner J. Miller Occup^{t}			51.	D^{o}	D^{o}
39.	J. Patterson	d^{o}	Z. Sickles d^{o}	55.	D^{o}	D^{o}
40	T. Brooks	d^{o}	J. Ford d^{o}	58.	D^{o}	D^{o}
41.	Edw^{d} Nicholls Owner & Occup^{t}....			62	D^{o}	D^{o}
42.	Judah & Lazarus do M^{rs} E. Sherwood Occup^{t}			62½	D^{o}	D^{o}
43.	Davis Hunt Owner & Occup^{t}.....			65.	D^{o}	D^{o}
44.	M. Jones	d^{o}	D Stridges Occup^{t}	67.	D^{o}	D^{o}
45	D^{o}	d^{o}	R. M. Penoyer d^{o}	69.	D^{o}	D^{o}
46	R. M. Penoyer	d^{o}	M^{rs} M. Thorne d^{o}	71.	D^{o}	D^{o}
47.	Jn^{o} Ackerman Owner & Occup^{t}....			78.	D^{o}	D^{o}
48.	P. Rhynlander	d^{o}	E. Lankekover Occup^{t}	79.	D^{o}	D^{o}
49	D^{o}	d^{o}	W. Thompson d^{o}	81.	D^{o}	D^{o}
50	D^{o}	d^{o}	S. Cairns d^{o}	83.	D^{o}	D^{o}
51.	John Gardner Owner of Lots N^{os} 1101. 1102. 1103. 1104 & 1105. Prince & Mulberry.....					A Lot

[321] The Council of the Board presented. a Law. Entitled a Law for the "Appointment of an Overseer of the Public Roads and Highways and of a Road Committee" which was read by Paragraphs and passed

He also presented a Lease to Charles Smith for the Public Docks and Slips for one Year from the first of May next. which was directed to be duly executed and delivered. on Security being given to be approved by the Mayor and Comptroller

He also presented the draft of a Petition to the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in Relation to certain Lands adjoining Fulton Street in pursuance of the Act of the Legislature passed fourteenth of March One thousand eight hundred and seventeen. Entitled "An Act Authorising the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain Lands" which said Petition was directed to be engrossed and duly authenticated

He also presented agreeable to Order a Lease to Daniel D Tompkins. Adam Brown and Noah Brown for a Pier at the South East end of the Battery which was directed to be executed

A Petition of John Stevens requesting permission to transfer the Lease of Hoboken Ferry from Vesey Street and from Spring Street to Messrs John [322] Robert and Samuel Swartwout was read and referred to the Comptroller with Authority to cause the transfer to be made

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Messrs John Robert and Samuel Swartwout Reported as follows.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John. Robert & Samuel Swartwout Beg leave to Report

That they have agreed to recommend to this Board the transfer of the Lease of the Hoboken Ferry to the Petitioners at present held by John Stevens. and that the same be extended to them for the Term of Ten Years at the Yearly Rent of Five hundred and sixteen Dollars and twenty five Cents. Also the Lease of a Ferry at the foot of Spring Street for the same time for the Yearly Rent of Twenty five Dollars. and that they have the Liberty to remove the Bridge at the North wing of the Pier at the foot of Vesey Street. Also the Ferry stairs at the foot of Spring Street to the first step above (with the Consent of Joseph Watkins owner of the Slip) which will be more for their Accomodation. Provided they place on the lower Ferry Two good and substantial Horse boats each Boat to be propelled with not less than eight horses to be completed and running on the Ferry in Six Months from the first of May next. And as many Sail or Ferry Boats on the Spring Street Ferry as the Corporation may deem necessary. also that they receive the same Rates of Ferriage as the New York and New Jersey Steam Boat Company

All which is Respectfully Submitted

New York April 9. 1817.

Peter Conrey
Wm Alburtis
J. Mapes

Which was approved

[323] The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Rodman Bowne presented a Report which was read and Referred back to the same Committee with the Addition of the Councel of the Board and Comptroller

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn to permit a Horse Boat to be placed Immediately on the Old Ferry

instead of a Steam Boat &c. presented a Report which was read and laid for Consideration.

The Committee on the Petition of Lewis K. Storms Reported as follows.

The Street Commissioner. Comptroller & Council to whom was Referred [the Petition] of Lewis K. Storms Respectfully Report

That they are of Opinion that the Statements Contained in his Petition are true, and that it would be proper to grant the Petitioner Relief. They therefore recommend that the Chamberlain be requested to discontinue the Suit. which has been commenced upon the Petitioners paying the Costs

Respectfully Submitted

31. Mar. 1817.

Ogden Edwards
Jn° M'Comb

Which was Approved

The Counsel of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of J. B. A. M Deseize Reported as follows—The Counsel of the Board to whom was [324] referred the Communication from J. B. A M Duseze Chancellor to the French Consul requesting to be relieved from the payment of Personal Taxes.

Respectfully Reports

That by the Law of Nations Consuls are not Entitled to Exemption from Taxation—That the Counsel has been informed by M^r^ Vanderlyn who resided many Years in Paris that the American Consul there was exemt from Taxation. But whether Consuls enjoyed this Privilege in other parts of France and whether it is continued under the present Dynasty he is uninformed—M^r^ Deseize is Chancellor to the French Consul and holds his appointment from the French Government

There is no such Officer attached to the Consuls under the American Government—The Counsel is however of Opinion. that if the present Government of France do exempt American Consuls and their Suites from Taxation. that it is proper that the same Courtesy should be extended to their Consuls and those Attached to them by their Government—He has requested M^r^Deseze to furnish him with such Information as can be Obtained upon the Subject and would respectfully recommend it to the Common Council not to make any Order upon the Subject until such information is furnished

Respectfully Submitted

New York 7^th^ Ap^l^ 1817.

Ogden Edwards
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved

[325] Mr Akerly presented the following

Resolved that the Keeper of the Hall be directed to Inform the Sheriff of the City and County of New York. that it is improper and Inconvenient for him to hold Juries at Night in the Office Assigned to him on the lower floor of the Hall. and that for the future he be requested to discontinue said practice

Which was agreed to

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to prepare a Lease to William Hunter for Grand Street Ferry agreeable to the Resolution of the twenty fourth of March last which was read and the Consideration postponed until the next meeting of the Board

Mr Talman presented a Resolution directing the Grounds in the Rear of the City Hall to be enclosed with an Iron railing which was read and laid on the Table

Alderman Burtis presented a Resolution on the Subject of putting the Laws in force against Gambling which was read and laid on the Table

Resolved that the Subject of providing a Suitable place for the Deposit of Oil be referred to the Lamp Committee

Ordered that the Law for the removal of the [326] Horse Market from Elm Street be published

The Board proceeded agreeably to Law to appoint Inspectors of the Ensuing Annual Election when the following Persons were appointed

FIRST WARD
- Ebenezer Irving
- James W. Lent
- Jacob Sherred

SECOND WARD
- Gabriel Havens.
- William W. Todd
- Abraham S. Hallett

THIRD WARD
- James Fairlie
- Harmanus Tallman
- John Bogert

FOURTH WARD
- Abraham Bloodgood
- Richard Hatfield
- Robert Brown

FIFTH WARD
- John Morss
- Jeremiah J. Drake
- Martin S. Wilkins

SIXTH WARD
- Alexander Clark
- Richard L. Walker
- William Coulthard

SEVENTH WARD
- Benjamin Prince
- William B. Crosby
- Nevingson Greenard

EIGHTH WARD
- Samuel M. Thompson
- David Board
- Edmund Kirby

NINTH WARD	TENTH WARD
Jacobus Dyckman	Judah Hammond
Oliver Hibbert	Stephen Allen
John Beekman	Samuel Stillwell

The Comptroller Reported

[327] Cash in the Treasury	10202. 2
Warrants not presented	386.91
	$9815.11

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be Issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner. Watch 1st District	498.75
Walton & Hibberd do 2d	682.50
Norris & Anderson do 3d	670.25
Bleakley & Brower do 4th	413.
Daniel H. Megie Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo 1st Inst	46.50
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspector " "	52.
John Smith Do " "	52.
Jonathan Weeden Do " "	52.
Wm J. Waldron Asst City Inspector " "	52.
Obadiah Ayres Do " "	52.
George Mills Do " "	52.
Benjamin Hicks Do " "	52.
Asten & Cochran Messengers	60.
Ogden Edwards balance for revising Laws & 29 Certificates sale of Lands	366.
Manhattan Company Water for Jail 1 Year 1st May	33.34
George Snethen Supg Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1st Inst	610.11
R. Munson Esqr for Comstock & Sawyer 11 Casks Oil	604. 6
R. Munson Esqr for Matthew Crosby 11 Casks Oil	522.21
Archd Smyths Acct paving Laight Street	600.
George Wragg award for Thompson Street	130.
Stephen Baxters Acct for filling Corporation Lots at Collect	100.
Thos & Geo. Lovett Repg Pier Cedar St ½	352 94
J. P. Roome Supt Repairs for work at Ground rear of City Hall	200.
J. P. Roome Supt Repairs for Materials	1000.
Richard Furman Superintendant Alms house	2500.
	9753.66
Balance	$61.45

[328] Special Meeting In Common Council April 11th 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Aldermen	Assistants
John B. Coles.	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes.	Anthony L. Underhill
Augustine H. Lawrence	John Brown
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	George B. Thorp
Arthur Burtis	John H. Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Mayor informed the Board that the Common Council had been Summoned at the request of several of the Aldermen for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Revised Laws. The Board therefore proceeded to a Consideration of the Laws. and after making progress thereon the further Consideration was postponed.

A Law was presented. Entitled " A Law to regulate Buildings and to prescribe the Duties of Surveyors in this City which was read by Paragraphs and passed.

[329] A Law was also presented. Entitled " A Law for the Appointment of a City Intendant and prescribing his Duties which was read and the Consideration thereof postponed—The Clerk was directed to cause the same to be printed for the use of the Members

A Petition of Thomas Hazard Junr for a Vault in Cherry Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual Terms

[330] In Common Council April 14th 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L. Underhill
Augustine H. Lawrence	John Brown
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
William Alburtis	George B. Thorp
Arthur Burtis	John H. Talman
Reuben Munson	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

Remonstrances from Sundry Inhabitants against the proposed measure of opening Henry Street was read and referred to the Com-

mittee on that subject viz. The Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Request from the Committee appointed [331] by the Legislature for Improving the Navigation of the Hudson River between Troy and Waterford for the use of the Mud Machine for the purpose of removing the Sand from the Chanel of the River, to be employed part of the Months of July and August next was read and referred to the Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips with Authority to comply with the Request of the Commissioners.

The following Resignations of Inspectors of the Ensuing Election were read

Jacob Sherred of the first Ward accepted & Peter Mesier Appt^{d} in his place

Abraham S. Hallett of the Second Ward accepted & Oliver H. Hicks App^{d}

John Bogert 3rd W^{d} accepted & William C. Mulligan App^{d}

James Fairlie 3^{d} W^{d} accepted & John Salsbury App^{d}

William B. Crosby 7th W^{d} accepted & Michael M. Titus App^{d}

A Resignation of William W. Todd of the 2nd Ward and John Beckman of the 9th W^{d} as Inspectors was read and Negatived.

A Petition of Stephen Baxter in favour of Andrew Hannah a Minor to be appointed a Cartman was read and laid for Consideration

A Petition of Jeremiah C Nefens. and a Petition of Sanders A Minor for Licence as Cartmen were Read and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their Petition.

A Petition of James Millet on the [332] Subject of Repairs to a House within the Fire Limits was read and the Petitioner had leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Lewis Moore stating some Inconvenience in erecting the Bulkhead from Beekman Slip to Crane Wharf as directed by an Ordinances of the Board. in Consequence of not being able to procure the requisite Timber was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Communication of William A. Seely, stating that M^{r} L. W. Debroismont and himself had procured a Patent for an Improvement in Chimnies which he conceived of great Public utility and Praying to be permitted to make use of one of the Chimnies in the Hall to shew the Experiment. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Charles Udall for the Appointment as a Measurer of Grain was read & laid on the Table

A Memorial of Solomon Disbrow to be relieved from a Penalty incurred by having Powder on Board his Vessel contrary to Law. which was received as he alledged by his Mate during his absence from the City was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

[333] A Request of the Sheriff (Ruggles Hubbard) to have the use of the Room in the Basement Story at present Occupied as the United States Loan Office, which is about to be removed was read and leave given to withdraw the Request

A Memorial of the Corporation of Trinity Church stating that a Considerable sum was due to them for Ground taken for Canal Street and requesting an Arrangement of their Demands. and that in the interim they may not be called upon for the payment of Assessments due from them. was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller. and in the meantime the Collectors on Assessments were directed to delay requesting payment of Assessments payable from said Corporation

A Request of George Van Brunt for Permission to Assign the Lease he holds from the Corporation was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Request of *Ruggles Hubbard Esquire Sheriff of the City for payment of an Account for expences respecting removing Convicts to the City Penatentiary was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House and Counsel of the Board

A Petition of James Vincent praying to be [334] Permitted to relinquish the purchase he made of two leased Lots at the late Sales, was read and leave given to the Petitioners to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of William Coley for Permission to Assign to John Field the Lease he holds of the Lot corner of Chatham and Duane Streets was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Thomas M^cCready for the Appointment of a Measurer of Lime was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Jabez Thompson was read stating that he had purchased from Thomas Nash the House and Lot corner of Ninth and Orchard Street. That an award was made to said Nash for the Lot & building for Damages sustained in opening said Street which by Agreement with Nash was to be received by Petitioner and praying

* Marginal note reads *See Report in Vol 33. page 47.*—ED.

the same to be paid to him was referred to the Comptroller. Street Commissioner and the Counsel of the Board.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for Correcting of sundry Nuisances which were passed viz^{t}

N° 1.	I Mead Owner Keeler & Davis Occupt^{s}	180	Green^{h} S^{t}	A	Privy
2	J. M^{c}Gee Owner & Occup^{t}.....	N° 91.	Liberty S^{t}	D°	
3.	Ja^{s} Waterman. Owner & Occup^{t}...	32	Lumber S^{t}	D°	
4.	[335] C. Debevoise Owner. S. Taylor Occup^{t}	50	Leonard S^{t}	D°	
5.	B. Birdsall Lessee & Occup^{t}.....	7	Ferry S^{t}	D°	
6.	J. L. Norton Owner Lewis Ford Agent & Hannah Barton Occup^{t}.	59	Anne S^{t}	D°	
7	R. Suydam Owner H. Suydam Occup^{t}	4	Stone S^{t}	D°	
8.	D° D° R Suydam D°	6.	D°	D°	
9	M. Price D° Low & Butler D°	127.	Broadway	D°	
10.	C. Dickinson Owner Richards & Thompson Occupt^{s}	153	D°	D°	
11.	D. M^{c}Claren Owner A L. Tissot Occup^{t}	153	D°	D°	
12.	J. L. Sebring Owner & Occup^{t}....	167.	D°	D°	
13.	T. Saltus Owner N. & H. Weed Occupt^{s}	173.	D°	D°	
14.	R Buloid Owner & Occup^{t}.....	199	D°	D°	
15.	J Vredenburgh Owner. Ward & Coles and H. Johnson Occupt^{s}..	201.	D°	D°	
16.	J. Van Buskirk Owner A Smith Occup^{t}	209	D°	D°	
17.	J. D Brower Owner T. Constantine D°	157	Fulton S^{t}	D°	
18.	D° Owner & Occup^{t}.....	159.	D°	D°	
19.	B. Romayne D° M. Winslow Occup^{t}	174.	D°	D°	
20.	M. Day D° A. Tanner D°	177.	D°	D°	
21.	R Gardon D° T. Gardon D°	179	D°	D°	
22.	D° D° W. & J. Vermilyea D°	179½	D°	D°	
23.	T. Masters D° M^{rs} R Bull D°	183.	D°	D°	
24.	E. Wenman Lessee & Occup^{t}.....	185	D°	D°	
25.	J. Jacobs Owner R Smith Occup^{t}...	200.	D°	D°	
26	I. Purdy Agent. A Wernekin Occup^{t}	209.	D°	D°	

27. Francis V. Many Owner..... 96 Duane S^{t} A Lot
28. F. Dibblee Lessee ..... Mott & Pell S^{t} D^{o}

City Inspectors Office
N. York 14th April 1817. George Cuming

[336] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 5.

William H. Oliver Hatter N^{o} 78 Warren Street 5th Ward vice John Hitchcock Resigned

Robert Lamb Mason. N^{o} 98 Warren Street 5th Ward vice Richard Townley Resigned

Francis Richards Accountant N^{o} 158 William Street 2nd Ward vice Silvester Pier Resigned

Royall Hewins Accountant 260 Pearl Street 2nd Ward vice Peter Thompson Resigned

John Wood Accountant 138. Fly Market 2nd Ward vice John Hill Resigned

John Vanderbilt Accountant Corner Fly Market & Front S^{t} vice Peter Roe Resigned

N^{o} 26

Eli Benedict Grocer 14 Oak Street 4th Ward vice Joseph Vail Deceased

N^{o} 41

Cornelius Williams, House Carpenter Columbia near Delancey Street vice James Hallock Resigned

A Letter from Richard Furman to the Mayor dated Albany 12th April 1817. respecting the Bill before the Legislature on the Subject of the Auction Duties was presented and read

[337] The Council of the Board presented the following

The Council of the Board herewith Respectfully Submits the Draft of a Lease to John Vanderlyn for a Lot of Ground at the Southwest corner of Chamber and Cross Streets. which has been drawn in pursuance of the Order of the Board excepting that it Authorises him to Occupy a Lot Fifty six feet in width instead of Fifty as recommended by the Committee. M^{r} Vanderlyn States that the Panoramas of Paris (some of which he contemplates procuring) are designed to encompass an Area fifty french Feet in diameter which is equal to about

fifty four feet English measure. and that an additional Allowance of Two feet is Necessary for the Walls

Respectfully Submitted

New York 14th April 1817. Ogden Edwards

Which was Approved and the Lease was directed to be engrossed and executed

The Street Commissioner to whom was Referred the Application of Thomas Hazard Junior respecting the permission to construct a Vault Reported as follows

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Application of Thomas Hazard Junr for the Privilege of Building Vaults on the Corner of Cherry Street and Pike Slip—would Respectfully recommend that the payment of the Money before the Vaults are [338] begun —be in this case dispenced with un[t]il the Walls are laid out. as it will be difficult for Mr Hazard at present to determine on the exact size

Respectfully Submitted

15. April 1817. Jno McComb St Comr

Which was approved

The Comptroller on the Petition of Mary DeGroodt Reported as follows

The Petition of Mary DeGroodt having been Refferred to the Comptroller on the 7th Inst he Respectfully Reports.

On the 31st October 1807. a Lease was given by the Corporation to Catharine Macavee and Mary Carslow. the Mother and Aunt of the Petitioner—of a Lot of Ground fronting on William Street in the fourth Ward, at an Annual Rent of Sixty Dollars during their Natural lives or the life of the longest liver of them provided that they shall continue to inhabit and reside upon the premises. They are now both deceased

The House was built at the expence of the aforesaid Lessees. and the Petitioner as appears from the Testimony of the latter, who is a Respectable Aged Widow, and Supports herself by Industry. The Balance which will be due on the first of May next is $70. which she promises to pay from her earnings as speedily as possible

Considering this to be a peculiar Case and entitled [339] to the Liberality of the Board It is Respectfully recommended That Mrs DeGroodt should have the Lease Continued to her during her Nat-

ural life upon the same terms and Conditions as was originally given to her Mother and Aunt

G. N. Bleecker Compt[r]

April 14. 1817.

Which was approved and the Lease was directed to be prepared agreeably thereto

He also on the Petition of Thomas Storm Reported as follows.

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports on the Memorial of Thomas Storm referred on the 7[th] Ins[t]

The Assessors of the 1[st] Ward have returned his Personal Estate at $15,000, the Tax on which is $63. The Assessors of the ninth Ward have also rated the same at $10,000. amount of Tax $31. As the residence of M[r] Storm was in the first Ward it appears proper to remit the Tax paid in the ninth Ward—Should the Board approve the Collector of that Ward will be directed to settle with the Memorialist, and return the Amount with the list of Errors &c.

Respectfully Submitted

April 14[th] 1817. G. N. Bleecker Compt[r]

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper end of Broadway Reported as follows—The Street Committee together [340] with the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of a large Number of the Proprietors of Lots on the upper part of Broadway—Praying that the Carriage way of said Street may be paved from Canal to Prince Street

And that the side Walks from Franklin to Jones Street may be laid with flagging—Respectfully Report

That they have given the Subject due Consideration and are fully of Opinion that it would render that part of Broadway more Convenient and pleasant both for the Public as well as the Proprietors if it was paved

And they therefore recommend that the Carriage way be paved from the North side of Canal Street to Prince Street.

And Also that the side Walks between Franklin Street and Bleecker Street be laid with flagging. at least Ten feet in width. and that the owners of the vacant Lots be allowed to regulate the inside of the Walks with gravel for the present time

And your Committee further recommend in Compliance with the request of the Petitioners that the Owners of Vacant Lots between Canal and Jones Street be directed to enclose them with a Suitable

Fence in Order to preserve the side Walks. and to prevent Carts and Carriages from crossing them in every direction as they now do, to the great danger of Passengers, and that the Street Commissioner and City Inspector be instructed to prepare Ordinances for that purpose

[341] All which is Respectfully Submitted

14th April 1817.

Peter Conrey
A. L. Underhill
G. Buckmaster
Jno McComb St Comr

Which was Approved and the Street Commissioner and City Inspector were directed to prepare Ordinances Accordingly

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Cornelius Harsin Reported as follows

The Finance Committee to which was referred the preceeding Application of Corns Harsen Report

That they consider the same Reasonable & recommend that the Comptroller be directed to Report a Warrant as soon as the Funds of the Board will admit of it, for such a Sum as will remain after deducting from $1500, the Interest thereon from the time, it shall be paid Mr Harsin till the first day of September next, but in Order to make the Transaction regular, it is necessary that the Money should be paid to Jacob Harsen, and not the Petitioner unless on the Order of the former

Respectfully Submitted by

New York Apl 7th 1817.

Th. R. Smith
A. H. Lawrence
Wm Alburtis
Reuben Munson
Jacob Lorillard

Which Report was approved & the Comptrl directed to report a Warrant accordingly

[342] The Committee on the Petition of Peter Jay Munro and others praying Permission to make an Alteration in Cortlandt Street Alley reported in favour of Granting the Prayer of the Petitioners which Report was approved

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants residing near Rutgers Slip Praying that a Bulkhead may be built across Rutgers Slip on the South side of Water Street, reported in favour of granting the prayer of the Petition. which was approved, and the Street Commissioner. thereupon presented an Ordinance for Carrying the same into effect which was passed. and James H.

Guion. Jacob C. Mott and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors therein

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom had been referred the Application on behalf of George Herrick, Isaac Skaats and John Talman, who had been injured at the Fire in Front Street. Reported as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Van Wyck Thos Richards and others. Citizens Praying relief for George Herrick. Isaac Skates and John Talman Firemen of this City, which had their Limbs broken and otherwise much injured at the Fire in Front Street

Report—That in the Opinion of your Committee Firemen who expose their persons to save the property [343] of others are particularly intitled to the support and Assistance of the Public.

Therefore Resolved that a Warrant be granted in favour of the Chief Engineer for 300 Dollars to be given to them in such proportion as in his Judgment may appear Just and Equitable

Arthur Burtis
Robert McQueen
A L. Underhill

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant therefor

The same Committee to whom was referred the Subject of a Reward to the discoverers of Incendiary Attempts Reported as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Considering what Reward should be given to persons who have been the means of discovering and bringing to Justice Incendiaries who caused the former and late Fires in Mott and Water Street and other places in the City beg leave to Report

That they have taken considerable pains by conversing with the Justices of the Police Office and otherwise to gain Information of the services rendered by Individuals in Relation to the above subject—And they are well satisfied that the discovery of the Gang who have been concerned in the late Incendiary Attempts was greatly owing to the unwearied pains and spirited exertions of Jacob Hays one of the Marshalls of this City and they think him Justly [344] Entitled to a Public Renumeration. They therefore Recommend that the sum of

Three hundred Dollars be granted by the Common Council to Mr Hays for his Services on these Occasions

Arthur Burtis
Robert McQueen
A. L. Underhill

Which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant therefor—Alderman Smith gave Notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the Question

A Resolution was presented prohibiting the sifting of Lime in the Streets excepting in a Lime House. which was agreed to and the Council was directed to Report an Ordinance agreeably thereto

The Resolution proposed at last meeting by Alderman Munson respecting the Lease for Grand Street Ferry was called up when Alderman Smith moved a Resolution that the same together with the Remonstrance against said Lease be referred to a select Committee to hear the parties and to Report thereon to the Board—which was approved and the following were appointed Aldn Munson Mr Akerly Lorillard Aldn Lawrence Burtis

[345] A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants of Brooklyn against the allowance of the same Rate of Ferriage to a Team Boat which is proposed to be placed on the old Ferry at Brooklyn, as that which is allowed to the Steam Boat was presented and Read.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn for Substituting a Team Boat at said Ferry was then called up and being read was as follows.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn Praying that the Steam Boat Company may have Permission to place on the Old Ferry a Horse Boat instead of a Steam Boat which they are bound by their Lease to place thereon in two Years from the first of May next—Beg leave to Report

That they have fully matured the subject in its various bearings and would Recommend to the Board the propriety of complying with the Prayer of the Petitioners by Granting Liberty to the Steam Boat Company to place on the Old Ferry a Horse or Team Boat instead of another Steam Boat to be propelled with not less than eight Horses in every way sufficient for the Conveyance of Passengers and Carriages across the East River. Provided the aforesaid Horse Boat be completed and running on the [346] Ferry in Six Months from the first of May next. Also the said Boat to continue to run on the Ferry

during the same hours that the Barges are bound to do according to Law.

All which is Respectfully Submitted

New York April 7th 1817.

Peter Conrey
Wm Alburtis
J. Mapes

The Question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative Aldn Lawrence Mapes Conrey Smith Alburtis Buckmaster Burtis Munson Mr Akerly Thorp Cooper 11

Negative Aldn Coles Mr Lorillard Underhill Brown Stone Mc-Queen Talman 7.

Mr Lorillard gave Notice that he would at the next Meeting move for a reconsideration of the Vote taken

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs [347] be directed to Occupy the Lot of Ground Corner of Wall and Nassau Streets belonging to the Corporation for Storage of such Articles of Public Property as he may think proper

Resolved that the Number of Constables and Marshals to be employed at the Polls of the respective Wards at the ensuing Election. shall not exceed three to each Ward unless in Cases where the Mayor may otherwise direct

The Board then took up the Consideration of the Revised Laws and after some time spent therein Adjourned

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$10.304.19
Warrants not presented	3499.47
	$6804.72
John Bedient Coroners fees 3 Months to 1st Inst	256.86
Geo. Buckmaster Esquire and others Expences to Albany and back on Poor fund	392.64
Isaac Loofborrow. Regulating Clock in Rutgers Street to 17th March	24.25
Columbian Subscription 6 Months to 1st Inst	75.
Mercantile Advertiser for Assessments	57.50
George Bowen Carriage Hire	6.
Joel West 1 Barrel Spirits Turpentine	20.37
Stephen D. Beekman Award for Hudson St	831.
Nicholas Low. Award for Thompson Street	457.50
[348] Archibald Smyth balce Paving Chapel St	205.10
Austin and Andrews Award for 13th Street	316.

John Anderson Repairing Piers & Making Bridge Depr St	181.40
Peter Allison Repairing Wharfs. Peck Slip and Fly Market	11.99
Wm Kelly Painting & Glazing Public Buildings &c	847.84
Thos R. Mercein for Commissrs Comn Schools balce	1024.26
Jacob P. Roome for Materials and to pay Workmen	1500.
	6207.71
Balance	$597. 1

[349] Special Meeting In Common Council April 17th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Augustine H. Lawrence	Peter A. Jay
Peter Conrey	Jacob Lorillard
Thomas R Smith	Anthony L. Underhill
Arthur Burtis	John Brown
Reuben Munson	William Stone
	Robert McQueen
	Samuel Akerly
	John H. Talman

The Mayor Informed the Common Council that he had Summoned them together at the Request of the Committee on Laws for the purpose of taking into Consideration the Revised Laws of the Corporation

The Board accordingly took up the Consideration of the Laws

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that he had Agreeably to order attended the Sales of the Lots Mortgaged by Mr Anthony L. Bleecker Deceased to the Loan Office. and finding they would not sell for the Amount of the Mortgage he had bought them in for the Corporation. at the Sum of Six [350] Thousand Seven hundred Dollars. being Four hundred and thirty Dollars and Sixty three Cents less than the Sum for which they were Mortgaged. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Finance to make the necessary arrangements with the Loan Officers

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution

Resolved that it shall be the duty of such Assistant City Inspector as shall receive from the Clerk of the Common Council any written Message relative to the Business of the Corporation to deliver the same within two hours after the Receipt thereof. and if the same is for a Member of the Board to be left at his place of residence. under the Penalty of removal from Office for the neglect thereof

[351] In Common Council April 21st 1817.

Present The Honorable Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	William Stone
Reuben Munson	John H. Talman
Nicholas Fish	Robert McQueen
Jonas Mapes	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	Thomas Cooper
	George B. Thorp
	John Brown

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved

The Quarterly Account of the Superintendant of the Alms House. was read and directed to be filed with the Comptroller

A Petition from the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Company praying to be permitted to place for trial for the space of one Month a Boat to be propelled by Horses in lieu of one of the Steam Boats was read and granted. and it was requested of the Ferry Committee to Enquire into the sufficiency of said Team Boats to answer the purpose of the Ferry

[352] A Petition of Henry Waring for a Water Grant at Brooklyn adjoining the property of Gideon Kimberly and Samuel Jackson was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants Complaining against the noxious situation of Lispenards Meadow and Praying the same may be filled up and that in the interim the Drain in Canal Street may be opened and cleansed was read and referred to the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner with Authority to act.

The following resignations of Inspectors of the Election was received. and the following persons. were appointed in their places

James W. Lent first Ward accepted. Stephen Whitney appointed

Peter Mesier 1st Wd accepted. John V. B. Varick appointed

Gabriel Havens 2nd Wd accepted. Willet Seaman appointed

Stephen Allen 10th Accepted. John Drake appointed

A further Petition of John Saunders for Licence as a Cartman (he being a Minor) was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Mathew Horn requesting the Engine House belonging to the Fire Engine Company No 38 to be Immediately removed as he is desirous of Improving the Ground was read and referred to the

[353] Committee on Fire Department and Superintendant of Repairs to Act in the premises

A Petition of H H Baldwin praying the Corporation to advance him the whole or part of the Sum awarded to him for opening Hudson Street. as he has been Ordered to remove a House standing on the Ground taken and he has not funds to comply with the Order

Ordered that it be referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Willett Cornell for Stall N° 32. Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A further Petition of H. Simmons Surety of John Rainer late Deputy Clerk of the Fly Market Praying to be Released from the Responsibility on account of said Rainer was read and rejected

A Petition of John Rose to Assign a Lease of Lot Number Fifty nine Chatham Street to Wright Carpenter was read and referred to the Comptroller

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Broadway from Canal Street. to Prince Street which was passed. and Abraham Bloodgood. Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were Appointed Assessors

[354] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances which were passed viz^{t}

N° 1. A. Nichols Owner T. M^{c}Cready Occup^{t}	24	Lumber S^{t}	A Privy
2 A Mathews Owner T. T. Rennolds Occup^{t}	26	D°	D°
3 A. Post Owner R Gordon Occup^{t}..	8.	D°	D°
4 A Paff D° L M^{c}Donough D° ..	92	Bayard S^{t}	D°
5. Magdaline Russell Owner & Occup^{t}.	56	James S^{t}	D°
6. P. Wilson Owner. J. Arnet D° ..	58	James S^{t}	D°
7. Mary Roberts Owner & Occup^{t}....	34	Lumber S^{t}	D°
8. R Blake D° D°	42	D°	D°
9. J. Waterman D° D°	32.	D°	D°
10 P. Wilson Agent W. White D°	38	D°	D°
11. J. Cummings Owner & Occup^{t}.....	43	D°	D°
12. W. Beatty Lessee & Occup^{t}.....	20.	D°	D°
13. C. Dickinson Owner E Benedick Occup^{t}	21	Nassau S^{t}	D°
14. W. Butler Owner & Occup^{t}.....	15	Rector	
15. J. Quackenbos Owner Lewis Rogers Lessee & Occup^{t}	144	Chatham S^{t}	A Lot

16	Mrs J. Judah	Owner	Broadway	A Lot
17.	J. J.[ay] Esqr	Owner P. A. Jay Esqr Agent	Do	Do
18.	Gerard Beekman	Owner	Do	Do
19.	S. Beekman	Do	Do	Do
20	J. Beekman	Do	Do	Do
21.	J. Lang	Do	Do	Do
22.	G. S. Mumford	Do	Do	Do
23.	T. S. Clarkson	Do	Do	Do
24.	W. & G Post	Do	Do	Do
25.	[355] G. S. Mumford	Owner	Do	Do
26.	L. C. & T. Hammersley	Do	Do	Do
27.	H. A. & J. G. Coster	Do	Do	Do
28.	P. Wilson	Do	Do	Do
29.	Jno K. Beekman	Do	Do	Do
30.	Abijah Hammond	Do	Do	Do
32.	J. Beekman	Do	Do	Do
33.	Isaac L Kip	Do	Do	Do
34.	J. Underhill	Do	Do	Do
35.	A Hammersley	Do	Do	Do
36.	A L. Stewart	Do	Do	Do
37.	Samuel Jones Junr	Do	Do	Do
38	Ezra Ludlow	Do	Do	Do
39.	Judah Hammond	Do	Do	Do
40.	Philip Jacobs	Do	Do	Do
41.	Jno G. Coster	Do	Do	Do
42.	James Heard	Do	Do	Do
43.	Sl Bradhurst	Do	Do	Do
44.	Rt P. Lawrence	Agent	Do	Do
45.	E Clark	Owner	Do	Do
46.	S. Watkins	Do	Do	Do
47.	Hannah Castion	Do	Do	Do
48.	D. S. Jones	Do	Do	Do
49.	Gurdon S. Mumford	Do	Do	Do
50.	D. S. Jones	Do	Do	Do
51.	Stephn Allen	Do	Do	Do
52.	G. B. Storm	Do	Do	Do
53.	[356] Mrs Cox	Owner	Do	Do
54	Hy Post	Trustee	Do	Do
55	Jno Woods	Owner	Do	Do

56. S. Van Rensselaer	Owner.....		
N Jarvis Agent		Broadway	A Lot
57. J. J. Astor	Dº	Dº	Dº
58. E. Benson	Trustee.....	Dº	Dº
59. J. Ward	Owner.....	Dº	Dº
60. Gideon Tucker	Dº	Dº	Dº
61. Mrs J. Kemp	Dº	Dº	Dº
62. A. H. Lawrence Esqr	Dº	Dº	Dº
63. S. Myers Cohen	Dº		
I. Moses Agent		Dº	Dº
64. Saml Watkins	Dº	Dº	Dº
65 Jacob Kirk	Owner and Occupt....	41 Anty St	A Privy
66. C. Graham	Dº M Housworth Junr Occupt	303. Greenwich Street	Dº

New York
City Inspectors Office 21st April 1817

George Cuming Cy Ir

The Council of the Board presented the following Leases which were directed to be duly executed in the words following

The Council of the Board herewith Respectfully Submits Drafts of Leases of the following Lots & premises viz

Lots Nº 25 and 26 of the Common Lands to Archibald Smyth for Six Years from the first of May at an Annual Rent of One hundred and Seventy Dollars

Lots Nº 56 and 59 of the Common Lands to George [357] Strites for Six Years from the first of next May at the annual Rent of Forty Dollars

Lot Numbers 84.—110—188—and 163. of the Common Lands to Ruggles Hubbard for Six Years from the first of May next. at the Annual Rent of Forty Dollars

Lot Number 162 of the Common Lands to G. Vintroux Hersan for Six Years from the first of next May at an Annual Rent of Fifty five Dollars

Lots Number 1 & 2. of the Hamilton Square Lots to James Vincent for Six Years from the first of May next at an annual Rent of Sixty Dollars

Lots Number 3 & 4 of the Hamilton Square Lots to Andrew Ogden for Six Years from the first of May next at an Annual Rent of Forty nine Dollars

The upper Appartments of the Engine House in Beaver Street to

Henry Lannieur for Three Years from the first of next May at an Annual Rent of Three hundred and ten Dollars

The above mentioned Leases have been prepared According to the Terms upon which they were let at Auction and in pursuance of Instructions from the Comptroller

21st Apl 1817. Ogden Edwards

The Comptroller on the Petition of William Coley presented the following Report which was agreed to.

The Petition of William Coley for [358] Permission to Assign a Lease he hold from the Corporation of property at the corner of Chatham and Duane Street in the fourth Ward to John Field

Having been referred to the Comptroller on the 14th Inst he Respectfully Reports. That as the Rent has been paid to the first of May next, there Appears to be no reason why an Assignment should not be made. agreeably to the request of the Applicant

The same is accordingly Recommended

April 21st. 1817. G. N. Bleecker Comptr

The Comptroller on the Petition of William Miller presented the following Report which was agreed to.

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports on the Petition of William Miller who claims exemption of Assessment to the amount of Fifteen hundred Dollars on a house and Lot of Ground No 36 Mulberry Street in the Sixth Ward which is rated at Eighteeen hundred Dollars on Account of his being a Minister of the Asbury African Church

The facts stated by the Petitioner appears to be correct. and satisfactory Testimony has been exhibited of his exemption in the Sum Stated. Agreeably to the 28th Section of the "Act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes" Passed April 5th 1813. It is therefore Respectfully Recommended, that the Collector of the [359] aforesaid Ward. should be directed to make the necessary deduction and return the amount with the list of Errors &c

April 21st 1817. G N. Bleecker Comptr

The Attorney of the Board on the Petition of Daniel Minton and James W. Higgins Reported as follows

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Minton and James W Higgins hereunto annexed for the purpose of reporting a Statement of facts. Respectfully states that a complaint was entered at his Office against the Petitioners for selling Liquor without Licence in Consequence of which they or one of them called upon him and stated that they had purchased the Stock and

Establishment of W. R. Barnet & C° N° 67. Cortlandt Street. and also the Licences for the present Year—But it appears on Examination that Mess^rs Barnet & C° had not obtained their Licences except having paid for the Mayors Licence, and at the same time received a line from the Office directed to the Excise Officer for the purpose of obtaining the State Licence—which however was not attended to, They continued to sell for several Months when they sold out to the Petitioners who have likewise been selling for several Months at the same place—They have paid a fine for one Offence which is $37.50.

Respectfully Submitted

21^st April 1817. A. Sherman

[360] Whereupon it was Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

The Committee on the Petition of Phebe Dawson Reported as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and the Council of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Phoebe Dawson Respectfully Report—That the Petitioner had a life Estate in a Certain Lot of Ground through which thirteenth Street has been run—That the Fee of the Lot was. in Governor Tompkins and David Dunham, who was allowed by the Commissioners for their Damages over and above their benefit about Sixty or Seventy Dollars—but that nothing was awarded to the Petitioner—That she usually let the Ground for about Thirty Dollars a Year and that about one half of it was taken —She was also put to some expence for making a fence—That the Petitioner is about Eighty years of Age and is in Indigent Circumstances—Under the peculiar Circumstances of this Case the Committee are of Opinion that the Petitioner has a reasonable Claim upon the Benevolence of the Board. They therefore Recommend that she be allowed Forty Dollars as a remuneration for her Loss.

14 Ap^l 1817 Nich^s Fish
John H Talman
Ogden Edwards

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant for the same

[361] The Council of the Board and the Comptroller on the Communication of the Loan Officers on the Subject of George B. Ewarts Mortgage Reported as follows.

The Council and the Comptroller to whom was referred the Com-

munication of the New Loan Officers relative to the Case of the Mortgage of George B. Ewart

Respectfully Report

That it appears from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Common Council that on the 19th Febr 1805 Richard Harison Esquire the former Council of the Board made the following Report viz

" In Pursuance of the Reference made to me in this Case I have enquired into the Title of George B. Ewart Deceased to a certain Lot of Ground in Rutgers Street which I find was purchased by Benjamin Hildreth Deceased on the 19th day of April 1791. from Jeremiah Vanderbilt and Lambert Suydam (as per Deed Recorded in the Clerks Office in Book N° 48 P 371. and Afterwards Conveyed by his Executors to Ewart. but as the Will of Hildreth was made on the 18th of April 1790 I am of Opinion that his Executors had no power to dispose of Real Estate purchased after that time and consequently that Ewart had no Title to the House and Lot Mortgaged by him to the Loan Office

By the Law in pursuance of which the Loan was made to Ewart. the Corporation is liable to Indemnify the [362] State for any Losses which may arise from Loans made in this City it appears from the Representation made by the Loan Officers that there is now due on Account of the Loan made to Ewart One thousand and fifty four Dollars & $^{9}/_{100}$—They have during a series of Years past made repeated Applications to the Common Council for payment. As the Corporation is Absolutely liable for it the Council and Comptroller are of Opinion, that it should be now paid—They therefore Respectfully recommend that a Warrant should Issue for that amount in favour of the New Loan Officers Respectfully Submitted

21. Apl 1817. Ogden Edwards
G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant for payment of the same it was also referred to the Council of the Board to enquire and Report as to the solvency of Ewarts Estate to repay the advance to be made by the Corporation

The Committee on the Petition of Jabez Thompson Reported as follows.

The Comptroller. Street Commissioner and Council of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Jabez Thompson

Respectfully Report

That the Commissioners for opening North Street [363] awarded

to one Thomas Nash Seven hundred and fifty Dollars for the Damage which he would sustain in Consequence of being Compelled to remove his house

That the Petitioner purchased his house and agreed with him that he should receive the amount of the said award. but that he gave him no written Order for that purpose—That Nash has removed to some part of the State of Ohio. but where is not known to the Petitioner—That the Petitioner has removed the house and is much in want of Money—Under these Considerations the Subscribers are of Opinion that it would be proper to lend the Petitioner the amount of the award provided he will give sufficient Security to be approved by the Comptroller and Street Commissioner that it shall be repaid in Six Months with Interest

Respectfully Submitted

Ap^{l} 21. 1817

Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{r}
G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}
Ogden Edwards

Which was approved and upon the Security being given that the Comptroller Report a Warrant therefor

The Committee on the Petition of Christian Bergh Reported as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Christian Bergh for a Grant of a Water Lot adjoining Gouverneur Slip. Reported as follows

[364] The Committee to whom was Referred the Petition of Christian Bergh for a Grant of a Water Lot adjoining Gouverneur Slip

Respectfully Report

That Christian Bergh is now in Possession of a Water Lot extending from Gouverneur Slip Easterly One hundred and fifty feet. and from that line Southerly about three hundred and sixty feet He conceives that he is Entitled to a Grant for the same and also for the premises lying in front thereof to the South side of Front Street upon the usual Terms

In support of his Claim he alleges that he was Informed by Robert Bogardus Esq^{r} on or about the Month of July 1810 that the Common Council had Ordered a Water Grant to Issue in his favour from the East side of Gouverneur Slip to the Easterly side of his Premises.

M^{r} Bogardus states that he did give M^{r} Bergh that Information. that he was present at the Board when the order passed and that he so understood it

Upon recurring to the Minutes however your Committee can find no entry to that purpose. excepting the following which is Written in the Margin of the Minutes of the proceedings of the 2 July 1810. the entry is as follows. "Whereupon Resolved that Grants be made out "to the respective proprietors of Ground lying between Scammel Slip "and Valleaus Dock Three hundred feet [365] from the South side "of Water Street upon the usual Terms."

Upon recurring back to the Minutes of the proceedings of the 12th March 1810 it appears that Christian Bergh presented a Petition for a Water Grant at the foot of Grand Street and adjoining the Slip at the foot of Gouverneurs Street which was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner—On the 30th of April following the Committee on the Petitions of Edward Laight and others of Christian Bergh and of George Codwise Junior and others for Water Grants at Corlaers Hook presented Reports which were referred for further Consideration to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward the Comptroller and Street Commissioner—On the 7th of May. a Remonstrance was presented from a Number of Inhabitants against the erection of a Slip at Corlaers Hook which was referred to the same Committee. On the 14th May that "Committee Reported that "Grants ought not to be given between Scamel Street and Walnut "Street to extend more than Two hundred and seventy feet from "Water Street. And that Seventy feet of that distance be reserved "for a Street. which report was Confirmed

On the 28th May a Petition was received from George Codwise and others "Praying that the Board would reconsider the determination upon their former Application for Permission to Dock out in front of the Ground at Corlaers Hook." which was referred to the Committee on Wharves & Slips. On the 2d July 1810 the day on which [366] the before mentioned entry purports to have been made in the Margin of the Minutes the last mentioned Committee made the following Report viz."

"The Committee on Wharves on the Petition of George Codwise "and others Report against the Petitioner And that they adhere to "the before mentioned Report of the Alderman and Assistant of the "Seventh Ward and of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner "" Subjoined to which Report they add" The Committee in recon- "sidering this Report recommend that the Petitioners be allowed to go "as far out as the end of William Valleau's Wharf or on a parallel "line with it. Which was agreed to. In the Margin of the Page in which this Report was entered and opposite to it. is entered the

before mentioned Order. upon which Mr Bergh relies, and which is in the words following " Whereupon Resolved that Grants be made out " to the respective proprietors of Ground lying between Scammel Slip " and Valleau's Dock Three hundred feet from the South side of Water " Street upon the usual Terms. It appears therefore. that the subject matter under Consideration was simply as to the extent of the Grants into the River. The Report of the Committee (which was confined to this Subject) was agreed to. And yet the *and yet the* Resolution According to the entry in the Margin was not simply in the usual form, that it should be carried into effect, but went beyond it. and Ordered that Grants should Issue to an extent [367] along the River. that no Committee had ever Reported in favour of. but on the Contrary in a Report made by the same Committee on the 14th May 1810 they Reported their Opinion that Grants ought not to be given between Scammel Street and Walnut Street to extend more than 270 feet from Water Street &c. It is reasonable therefore to presume that the Board in making their final Order for Issuing the Grants conformed it to the first Report of the Committee as to the extent of the Grants along the River, which the Board had confirmed with the last Report as to the extent of the Grants into the River, which they confirmed at the time the Order purports to have been made

It is here well worthy of remark that there is no such Slip as Scammel Slip. the Slip adjoining the premises in question is called Gouverneur's Slip. and was known by that name long anterior to the last entry and is frequently mentioned by that name in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Common Council relative to this very property

It is therefore in the Opinion of the Committee much more reasonable to presume that the mistake in the entry in the Margin was in the word Slip than in the word Gouverneur, and that it should have been written Scammel Street in pursuance of what appears to have been the intention of the Committee on the 14th May preceding than that it should have been Gouverneur's Slip, when no Report had been made in favour of Issuing a Grant from Gouverneur Slip. but on the Contrary when it appears from [368] the Minutes (as is hereafter more fully stated) that the Common Council had been repeatedly applied to by the Petitioner and one William Thomas from whom the Petitioner purchased that they would grant them the premises extending Easterly from Gouverneur Slip. but which Application was as repeatedly rejected. because the adjoining Ground was Indespensibly necessary for the accomodation of the Slip

For the complete elesusidation of this Subject the Committee con-

ceive it necessary to make the following additional statement of Facts—That the Ground now owned by Mr Bergh Contiguous to the premises in question formerly belonged to one William Thomas. who obtained it from Thomas Ivers—That as long ago as the 17th June 1793. a Committee of the Board Reported that the Ground between Montgomery Street and the Wharf of Thomas Ivers being Four hundred and thirty four feet and an half which comprehends the Premises in question was the most proper for a Slip. William Thomas on the third of March 1800 on the first of May 1801. on the nineteenth of August 1802. presented Petitions to the Board for a Grant of the Premises in question which were referred to the Street Commissioner or to him and the Comptroller

That on the 25th April 1803. the Street Commissioner and Comptroller Reported. That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted reserving Scammel Street to be continued [369] Fifty feet wide from Water Street to the River. also reserving Front and South Streets—That on the fourteenth of May 1804. William Thomas presented another Petition which was referred to a Committee. who on the twenty first of May Reported as follows vizt.

" The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William " Thomas praying that Scammel Street may not be extended below " Water Street. Report. that having examined the situation of the " Ground they are of opinion it would be very inexpedient to grant " the prayer of the Petition. and therefore beg leave to recommend " that the same be Rejected " which Report was confirmed, and Prayer of the Petition rejected accordingly

On the 13th October 1806, on the 15th April 1807, and on the 13th May 1807. William Thomas presented other Petitions relative to the same Subject. which were referred to Committees and the last of the Petitions after having been several times called up in the Board. was referred to a Committee to make a statement of facts

In the last Petition Thomas speeks of Bergh as his Tenant and as being so much dissatisfied with the damaged Condition of the Wharf. that he threatened to leave it

The Committee to whom the last Petition was referred on the 13th July 1807. made the following Report vizt—" That from the annexed " extracts from the Minutes of the Common Council it appeared. that " Mr Thomas has no claim upon the Corporation for such Grant [370] " from any Stipulation entered into by the Board at any time hereto- " fore—That the Grant to him or not as prayed for is now merely a " Question of expediency—Your Committee regretting. that by some

"mistake or inadvertance a Grant so extensive has passed to Dr "Romayne. are of Opinion. that in the present case a Grant ought not "to be made to Mr Thomas for any Ground or Land under Water "West of the line of the Westerly side of Scammel Street. And that "all the Ground West of that line as it may be extended Southwardly "into the said River to wit of the breadth of about feet ought "to be reserved for Public uses. and particularly for the extention of "Scammel Street and the Accomodation of the public Bason there. "Your Committee are however of Opinion that Mr Thomas ought to "be reimbursed or otherwise Compensated for Monies laid out by him "for Improvements then made and for Assessments paid by him and "that proper inquiry be made to the end. that such Sum of money "may be ascertained and adjustment made with Mr Thomas. And "that upon such adjustment being made. Mr Thomas receive a Grant "of the Water rights for the Ground or lots lying on the Easterly side "of the said line of Scammel Street as it may be extended into the "said River" Which Report was signed by John P. Ritter. Jacob Mott and Roger Strong This Report was laid on the Table for Consideration and was called up on the 27th of July following [371] when it was confirmed. the Subject therefore was very familiar to the Board. and it is not to be presumed that they ignorantly or inadvertantly made an Order that a Grant should Issue in opposition to their repeated determinations—The Committee for these reasons are of Opinion that Mr Bogardus misapprehended the Order of the Board. but as Mr Bergh in Consequence of the Information received from him has been led into expences which would otherwise have fallen upon the Board. The Committee are of Opinion. that he ought to be fully remunerated for them They therefore respectfully recommend that a Warrant should Issue in his favour for the amount of those expences. but without Interest from the time they were incurred as the Committee are of Opinion that the possession of the Property was a full remuneration for the Interest—By a Statement furnished the Committee by the Assistant Street Commissioner it appears that by allowing Six Cents a Load for Earth. which was the highest price which could be obtained for it at that place at the time the Dock was filled in. the expence which he must have been subject to could not have exceeded Three hundred and twenty five Dollars and two Cents—He also made a Bulkhead which probably Cost him Three hundred and Seventy five Dollars, Mr Bergh claims a very narrow strip of Land extending in front of the premises in question on the South side of Water Street. from the [372] East side of Scammel Street to Gouver-

neur Slip. whether he is entitled to it or not the Committee are unable to say tho' they are inclined to think that he is not

Seperate from the Water Lot in front of it. it is of no intrinsic value as he would have been liable by the grant had it Issued to have made a Street thirty feet in width along the West side of the Water Lot and as he has had the exclusive Occupation of it for several Years the Committee are of Opinion that the benefit he has thereby derived is a superabundant equivalent for relinquishing his right (if he has any) to that Strip of Ground. as well as for the Interest of the money he has expended. Provided he does this. they are of Opinion that it would be adviseable to release him from all demands for the use and Occupation of it. and also to Issue a Water Grant in pursuance of the Report of the Committees on the 14th May and 2d July 1810 upon the terms allowed to those who take out Grants for the adjoining Lots extending from the East side of Scammel Street Ninety five feet to a Lot of Ground belonging to John Youle—Your Committee have bestowed on this Subject all the Attention which its importance requires

They hope and trust that they have paid as much respect to the rights of Mr Bergh as Justice demands

They think proper however before they conclude this Report to remark that this business has been long in altercation and has frequently engaged the attention of the [373] Board. And that Justice to the Public requires that it should now be finally settled—They therefore Respectfully recommend that if the Terms here proposed or such modification of them as the Board may think proper to adopt are not accepted that measures be immediately taken to obtain possession of the premises

All which is Respectfully Submitted

New York 21st April 1817.

G. Buckmaster
Peter Conrey
A. H. Lawrence
Jno McComb St Comr
G. N. Bleecker Comptr
Ogden Edwards Council
of the Board

Which was approved. and the Council was directed to take Measures to recover the property if Mr Bergh did not within one fortnight from tomorrow signify his Assent to the terms mentioned in said Report

The Committee of Repairs on the Petition of Coll Murray Com-

mandant of the Battalian of Governors Guards presented a Report which was read and laid for Consideration

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider of the propriety of Assessing a part of the expence of working the Avenues on the adjacent property was [374] called up. and after some discussion the further Consideration was postponed

Mr Lorillard agreeably to Notice given at the last Meeting moved [to] reconsider the Vote taken on the Report of the Committee upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn respecting substituting a Team Boat in place of a Steam Boat on said Ferry. Whereupon the Consideration of said Motion was postponed until the next meeting of the Board. Alderman Smith also agreeably to Notice moved to reconsider the Vote on the Report of the Committee of the Fire Department on the Subject of a Reward to the discoverers of Incendiaries attempts the Consideration of which was also postponed until the next meeting

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	14.155.93
Warrants not presented	4.827.47
	$9.328.46

Van Wart & Gardner. Watch 1st Dist	498.75
Walton & Hibberd " 2d	682.50
Norris & Anderson 3d	670.25
Bleakley and Brower 4th	413.
Jacob Radcliff Esqr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 18 Inst	1750.
Editor Commercial Advertiser 6 Mo 1 Inst	75.
T. Franklin Ch Engineer for Firemen hurt at Fire in front Street	300.
[375] John Bailey balce paving Greenwich Street	734.61
Jacob C. Mott & Colleagues making Sundry Assessts	210.
Charles Mooney balce Regulating Franklin Street	123.40
Jas Vincent filling Supert Yard at Collect	102.35
Reuben Munson Esqr for 1st Avenue	1000.
Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs to pay Workmen	700.
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	2000.
	9259.86
Balance	$68.60

[376] In Common Council April 28th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Presidt

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B Coles	Peter A. Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R Smith	William Stone
Arthur Burtis	Robert McQueen
Nicholas Fish	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	John H Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of last Meeting were Read & approved

A Memorial was received from Abijah Hammond stating that his permanent residence is in Westchester County and occasionally residing in the City of New York, that he has been rated and paid his Personal and Real Tax in the County of West Chester. that he has been Assessed for a Personal Tax in the fifth Ward of this City which he presumes is owing to a Mistake of the Assessors and praying [377] relief which was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of James Proudfet for the Appointment of a Measurer of Grain was read & referred to the Committee of Applications

A Memorial of Doctor John C. Stroebel stating that he has Invented a Maschine for propelling Boats and prays that he may be accomodated with a Loan of One hundred Dollars to enable him to make an Experiment of his Machienary was read and referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences to Report

A Petition of Robert McCullum for the Appointment of a City Weigher was read and granted

A Remonstrance of the Public Porters of the City. stationed at the Coffee House. against the stationing of a Mr Howard with a hand Cart at that place was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of John N. Luff for Permission to Construct a Vault in Warren Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual Terms.

A Petition of Catharine Borgers that part of the Money paid by her for Pawn Brokers Licence may [378] be returned to her she having since October last relinquished that business was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of John Hyslop for remission of Penalty incurred under an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector to Report

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances which were passed viz

N° 1.	Gibson & Davis Owners. Wm Purcell Occupt			63.	Murray St	A Privy	
2	Wm C. Mulligan	Owner	J. B. Martin Occupt	87	Dº		Dº
3.	W. Carlisle	Dº	J. Dunleavy Dº	203.	Willm St		Dº
4.	J. Disbrow	Dº	E. Howard Dº	167	Duane St		Dº
5.	P. Griffen	Dº	H Griffen Dº	40	Cherry St		Dº
6.	W. Bush	Dº	J. C. Morrison Dº	315	Washn St		Dº
7	J. Culbert	Dº	Jahiel Jasper Dº	88	Roosevelt St		Dº
8.	Wm Roe	Dº	Ths Addy Dº	81	Murray St		Dº
9.	Mrs C. White	Dº	J. Lockman Dº	313.	Washn St		Dº
10.	W. Thompson	Dº	P. Frederick Dº		Thompson St		Dº
11.	T. Legget	Dº	J. Dunscomb & J. Seaman Occupts	67	Murray St		Dº
12.	Jas Ennis	Dº	& Occupt		Sullivan St		Dº
13.	Sarah Bertoff	Owner	& Occupt		Thompson	Dº	Dº
14.	J. Bingham	Owner.	Madam Duluc Occupt	148	Wm St		Dº
15.	Grove Wright	Dº	Rinier C. Wortendike Dº		Sullivan St		Dº
16.	I. Ryckman	Dº	Ely Concklin Occupt	234	Greenh St		Dº
17.	Mrs C. White	Dº	B. Brower Dº	236.	Dº		Dº
18.	Wm Strong	Dº	Jnº Guest Dº	238.	Dº		Dº
19.	[379] P. Rhinelander	Owner	J. Latting Occupt	51	Robinson St		Dº
20.	Dº	Dº	N. Taff Dº	53.	Dº		Dº
21	Dº	Dº	J. Van Bussum Dº	55	Dº		Dº
22	Dº	Dº	T. Samis Dº	57	Dº		Dº
23.	Dr B. Dewitt	Dº	B. Ferris Dº	5	Murray St		Dº
24.	Adelia Smith	Dº	and Occupt	7.	Dº		Dº
25.	Mrs H. Chardonn	Dº	Dº	8.	Dº		Dº
26	Benj Seixas	Dº	Dº	10.	Dº		Dº
27.	A Curtis	Owner	T. Rich Occupt	17.	Dº		Dº
28.	A Ogsbury Senr	Dº	S. McLeoid Dº	23.	Dº		Dº
29	Dº	Dº	M. Poulet Dº	21.	Dº		Dº
30.	C. Stewart	Dº	J. Wallace Dº	25	Dº		Dº
31.	C. Stewart	Dº	C. Sutier Dº	27.	Dº		Dº

32. C. Stewart Owner A. Main Occupt
33. J. Greenwood Do P. Demilt Do
34. Dr Eloy Berger Do & Occupt
35. Sarah Bates Do Do
36. Geo Taylor Lessee & Occupt.....
37. Dr J. H. Douglass
Owner G. Bearmaker Occupt
38. Do Do A Main Occupt
39. W. Denning Do P. Shapter Do
40. Do Do R. Ferguson Do
41. A. White Do J. Thompson Agent.
42. J. Graham Lessee & Occupt.....
43. E. Anderson Owner.....
44. Jno Sharp Do.....
45 S. B. Munn Do.....
46. [380] Aw S. Norwood Do.....
47. Peter Hatrick Do.....
48. Alexr S. Glass Do.....
49. L. Deklyn Agent.....
50. Icabod Prall Executor.....

31. Murray St A Privy
51. Do Do
53 Do Do
71. Do Do
73. Do Do
77. Do Do
79. Do Do
89. Do Do
91. Do Do
Theater Alley A Lot
Broadway Do
Do Do
Do Do
Do Do
Do Do
Do Do
Do Do
Do Do
Do Do

Deeds approved by the Council of the Board from John Jay, Peter Jay Munro, and Gurdon S. Mumford to the Corporation. Conveying the Ground formerly Cortland Alley. and a Release from the Corporation to those persons for the Ground lately occupied for Cortlandt Street Alley were presented. and that from the Corporation (the other having been executed by the parties) were directed to be executed

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for regulating Hudson Street. from Laight to Spring Street and for regulating Franklin Street from Collect Street to Dominick Lynch's line. And also for opening Hudson Street. Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to Issue to the Collectors for Collecting the same

A Recommendation for the Appointment of Francis D. Miller to enforce the Laws was read. and laid on the Table

[381] A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants praying the removal of the Engine House from Market Street Slip was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Rivington Street from Cannon to Goerck Street. which was confirmed & Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner on the Petition for filling in Lispenards

Meadow presented the following Report—The Street Commissioner to whom the annexed Petition was referred—having duly considered the Subject Submitted

Respectfully Report

That in his Opinion the Request of the Petitioners ought to be granted. as the Pond and low Grounds Complained of are a great Nuisance and Offensive to those in the Vicinity—he would therefore recommend that the City Inspector be Instructed to prepare Ordinances to that effect. And also that an Ordinance be prepared for the purpose of having that part of Canal Street opposite these low Grounds filled in to such a height as to prevent Mud being driven into the Street

Respectfully Submitted

28th April 1817. Jnº McComb Stᵗ Comʳ

[382] Whereupon the first part was agreed to and the Consideration of the latter part *part* of the Report was postponed

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication recommending that a further advance of One thousand Dollars be made to Robert Latimer on his Contract for the Eighth Avenue in Bonds of the Corporation of Five hundred Dollars each which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller on the Petition of Henry Waring Reported, as follows

The Petition of Henry Waring for a Grant from the Corporation for the Shore at Brooklyn from High to Low Water mark of his property. having been Referred to the Comptroller on the 21st Instᵗ he Respectfully recommends that a Grant should be prepared by the Counsel of the Board to the Applicant on the usual Terms

April 28th 1817. G. N. Bleecker Comptʳ

Which was approved and a Grant directed to be made accordingly

The Comptroller on the Petition of George Van Brunt Reported as follows

The Application of George Van Brunt for Permission to Assign a Lease he holds which was [383] made to Thomas W. Birdsall of a Lot of Ground Nº 6. at Brooklyn belonging to the Corporation—to Evert Barkeloo of New Utrecht. having been referred to the Comptroller on the 14th Instᵗ He Respectfully recommends. that leave be given—The Rent having been paid to the first of May next

April 28th 1817. G. N. Bleecker Comptʳ

Which was approved and the Transfer of the Lease directed to be made accordingly.

The Comptroller on the Petition of the Trustees of the Baptist Church in Fayette Street Reported as follows.

On the Petition of the Trustees of the Baptist Church in Fayette Street. Referred the 31st of March last The Comptroller Respectfully Reports

That an Assessment has been made in the Year 1815 and 1816. of a piece of Ground on Green Street in the eighth Ward. which was purchased in 1814. by the Petitioners solely for the purpose of a Burying Ground and has been used as such ever since—As this description of property has been exempted from Tax by general usage. and appears to be embraced in the 28th Section of the Act of April 5. 1813. it would be just and Equitable to grant relief to the Petitioners for the Assessment of 1816. The Accounts of 1815 having been closed it would be improper to interfere for that year Should the [384] Board approve of this Recommendation the Collector will be instructed accordingly

April 28th 1817. Respectfully Submitted

G N. Bleecker Comptr

Which was approved

The Comptroller on the Petition of John Rose Reported as follows

The Comptroller Respectfully Reports on the Petition of John Rose referred the 21st Inst for Permission to transfer the Lease of a House and Lot of Ground No 59 Chatham Street eight years unexpired from the first of May next, to Wright Carpenter

The Rent having been paid to the first of May next It is respectfully Recommended to give permission Accordingly

April 28th 1817 G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Which was agreed to

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Sum of Three hundred Dollars be granted to the Reverend John Stanford for his Clerical Services during the last Year at the Alms House and other public places belonging to the Corporation. and that the Comptroller Report a Warrant for the same at the next meeting of the Board which was agreed to

[385] Mr Talman presented the following Resolution. Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the Direction of the Committee of Public Lands and places cause a neat Diamond Slat fence

to be erected round the New Park in the Rear of this Hall which was agreed to

Mr Lorillard agreeably to Notice moved to reconsider the Vote on the fourteenth Instant on the Report of the Ferry Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn respecting the Substitution of a Team Boat for a Steam Boat on said Ferry which Motion was agreed to after some discussion and after a Question to postpone the further Consideration which was lost. the Question was taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee which was carried in the Affirmative

The following Person was appointed as Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy

Fire Engine Company No 33.

David Hart Carpenter. Essex Street 10th Ward vice Jesse Wood resigned

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	8302.63
Warrants not presented	722.
	$7580.63

William J. Waldron Asst City Inspector 1 Month and Chair Hire	54.
[386] George Mills Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1st Inst	52.
Obadiah Ayres Do Do	52.
Benjamin Hicks Do Do	52.
Edward Doughty on Acct making Map 10th Wd	200.
James Hardie preparing Index for the Laws	50.
R. Munson Esqr for M. Crosby 26 Casks Oil	1475.10
R. Munson Esqr for Comstock & Sawyer 4 Casks Oil	132.35
Saml Nichols. Tin. Lead & Iron Work for Repairs	240.51
Phebe Davison. Donation for Injury on 13th Inst	40.
Corns Harsen Acct for property to widen Mott St	1500.
Jacob P. Roome Supt Repairs to pay Workmen	2500.
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	1200.
	7547.96
Balance	$32.67

[387] In Common Council May 5th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B Coles	Peter A Jay
Jonas Mapes	Jacob Lorillard
Augustine H. Lawrence	Anthony L. Underhill
Peter Conrey	John Brown
Thomas R Smith	William Stone
William Alburtis	Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis	Samuel Akerly
Nicholas Fish	George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson	John H. Talman
	Thomas Cooper

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Return was received from John L Broome Esquire Clerk of the City and County of New York of the persons Elected at the late Annaversary Election for Charter Officers held on the twenty ninth and thirtieth days of April and first day of May last by which it appeared. that the following persons were Elected to the following Offices

[388]

First Ward

John B Coles. Alderman. Samuel Jones Junr.....Assistant
Samuel McCoun & John V. B. Varick.....Assessors
Daniel I. Ebbets .....Collector
Robert Graham & Zephaniah Brown .....Constables

Second Ward

Joseph W. Brackett Alderman. Samuel Stevens.....Assistant
Samuel Leggett & Abraham Valentine.....Assessors
Henry W. Peckwell.....Collector
John C. Gillen & James G. Rhodes.....Constables

Third Ward

Anthony L. Underhill Alderman. Leonard Kip.....Assistant
Nathaniel C. Griffith & Hermanus Tallman.....Assessors
Francis V. Many .....Collector
George Van Geeson & Benjamin Mills.....Constables

Fourth Ward

Eldad Holmes Alderman. William F. Van Arminge....Assistant
Peter Bonnett and Lewis Hartman.....Assessors
Adolph L. DeGrove .....Collector
James G. Finn and Rufus Seely.....Constables

Fifth Ward

Thomas R. Smith Alderman. William Stone.....Assistant
Richard Kidney and George Sutton.....Assessors
William Berrian .....Collector
John Striker and John M Lester.....Constables

Sixth Ward

Robert McQueen Alderman. John Remmey.....Assistant
[389] Abraham Baudoine & Alexander Clark.....Assessors
Thomas Mooney .....Collector
Dennis Dougherty & Edward McGonegale.....Constables

Seventh Ward

George Buckmaster Alderman Samuel Akerly.....Assistant
Daniel Lyon and Jameson Cox.....Assessors
Morris Oakley .....Collector
Robert Phillips and Azel Conklin.....Constables

Eighth Ward

Arthur Burtis Alderman. Jacob B. Taylor.....Assistant
Isaac Emmons and John Targay.....Assessors
Andrew Hegeman .....Collector
Andrew Bleakly and John W. *Kein* [Kirn].....Constables

Ninth Ward

George B. Thorp Alderman. Effingham Schieffelin.....Assistant
Jeremiah Pangburn and Oliver Hibberd.....Assessors
Isaac S. Varian .....Collector
Silvanus Concklin and Joseph Madden.....Constables

Tenth Ward

Reuben Munson Alderman. Stephen Allen.....Assistant
Walter Howell and David Roberts.....Assessors
John Palmer .....Collector
Henry G. Disbrow and John Varick.....Constables

Whereupon the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give Notice to the said persons so elected to attend at the Common Council Chamber on Monday next at twelve O Clock to take the Oaths prescribed by Law

[390] A Request on behalf of the Heirs of John Ellis for payment of the Amount of the Sum Assessed for damages in opening Cliff Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Request of John Van Tassel for Permission to Assign a Lease of Cellar Number One under Washington Market was read and referred to the Comptroller to Report

An Invitation from the American Academy of Fine Arts to the Members of the Common Council to attend a private view of their

Gallery on Saturday next previous to the same being opened for Public Exhibition was read and accepted

A Communication from William Lee late American Consul at Bordeaux in France on the Subject of exemption by the American Consuls in France from Personal Tax was read and referred to the Petition Committee on the Petition of Mr Duseze

A Petition of Thomas Leggett for Permission to construct a Vault in front of Numbers Twenty five and twenty seven Rose Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with Authority to Grant on usual Terms.

A Communication was received from [391] James Renwick on the Subject of carrying off the Water from Canal Street which was read and laid for Consideration

A. Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate on the Improvement at the Junction of Pearl and Cherry Streets. stating that remonstrances have been presented to them against widening as Corporate property the Ground in said Square on which the Engine House stands. as the same has heretofore and always been Considered as Public ground and requesting the Instructions of the Corporation on the Subject was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to Report

A Petition of James Johnston Executor of James Howie Deceased and Guardian of the Infant Children of said James Howie. Praying a Postponement of the payment of the Assessment on the said Mr Howie's Estate for widening Mott Street was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of James E. Millet praying that the penalty (if any has been incurred) by alterations made by him in his house Number Thirty five Little George Street may be remitted was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Recommendation of James H. Guion as a suitable person to enforce the Laws was read and referred to [392] the Committee on Applications

The Street Commissioner stated that three fourths of the Inhabitants of Slote lane were desirous that the whole of the Lane should be repaired instead of a part of it and he presented an Ordinance to that effect which was approved and the Ordinance passed and James H. Guion. Jacob C. Mott and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors

The Comptroller to whom was referred the Petition of Abijah Hammond presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table

The Resolution laid on the Table on the twenty first October last

(preventing the running of Swine at large) and the Petition on that Subject presented on the fifteenth day of November last was called up and read The Resolution was in the words following.

In Common Council. Octob^{r} 21. 1816.

Resolved that the Council of the Board be directed to bring in a Law. which shall effectually prevent the running at large of Swine in this City from and after the second Monday of June next. The Question being taken on said Resolution it was carried in the Affirmative

The Report of the Committee on the Subject [393] of Assessing property for working Avenues presented on the ninth of December and laid for Consideration and called up on the twenty first of April and again laid for Consideration was now called up—A Remonstrance from the Inhabitants of the ninth Ward against said Report was presented and read. M^{r} Lorillard presented a Resolution on the Subject. after the same was read and after some discussion thereon the further Consideration thereof was Postponed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed viz^{t}

N^{o} 1.	M. Duffie Owner. N. T. & E Rose Occupt^{s}	7	Warren S^{t}	A Privy
2.	F. Tycker Owner F. Arnaud Occup^{t}.	15	D^{o}	D^{o}
3.	D. Boardman Owner R F. Williams D^{o}	14.	D^{o}	D^{o}
4.	M^{rs} B. Ferdon Owner & Occup^{t}....	23.	D^{o}	D^{o}
5	Miller Owner D. Crum Occup^{t}	29.	D^{o}	D^{o}
6.	D^{r} B. DeWitt Owner W^{m} Hudson D^{o}	36.	D^{o}	D^{o}
7	A. Wilkenson Owner & Occupant	37.	D^{o}	D^{o}
8.	J. B. Reboul D^{o} D^{o}	39.	D^{o}	D^{o}
9	H. H. Jones D^{o} A. Morkerson D^{o}	48.	D^{o}	D^{o}
10.	J. Sherred D^{o} M^{rs} Thomson D^{o}	50.	D^{o}	D^{o}
11.	M^{rs} Stephens D^{o} D. Wilkins D^{o}	64.	D^{o}	D^{o}
12.	J. B. Murray D^{o} J Cropsey D^{o}	66.	D^{o}	D^{o}
13.	J. Ruckle D^{o}. and Occup^{t}.....	72.	D^{o}	D^{o}
14	Ja^{s} Barclay D^{o} D^{o}	73.	D^{o}	D^{o}
15.	J B. Murray D^{o} B. Sears Occup^{t}	78.	D^{o}	D^{o}
16.	J. Bingham D^{o} J. L. VanKleeck D^{o}	102.	D^{o}	D^{o}
17.	[394] H. M^{c}Intire Owner & Occup^{t} N^{o}	121	D^{o}	D^{o}
18.	W^{m} Baily Owner.....	104	D^{o}	D^{o}

19	J. Demaray	Owner	D. Low	Occup^{t}	N^{o}	89.	Warren S^{t}	A Privy
20	J^{n} J. Post	D^{o}	D^{r} Abullier	D^{o}		33.	D^{o}	D^{o}
21.	M^{rs} R Slote	D^{o}	M. Mullen	D^{o}		57	D^{o}	D^{o}
22.	D^{r} B. DeWitt	D^{o}	A L Poyer	D^{o}		72	Church S^{t}	D^{o}
23.	J^{n} B. Dash	D^{o}	S. Reed	D^{o}		255	Green^{h} S^{t}	D^{o}
24.	J. Bleys	D^{o}	D Horton	D^{o}		17.	Van Dam S^{t}	D^{o}
25.	M^{rs} M. Bleecker	D^{o}	S. Taber	D^{o}		74	Broadway	D^{o}
26.	W. Lambert	D^{o}	J. Post	D^{o}		44	Essex S^{t}	D^{o}
27.	J Byrnes	D^{o}	E. Nowland	D^{o}		219	W^{m} S^{t}	D^{o}
28.	J. Farrell	D^{o}	J. Ludlow	D^{o}		93	Hester S^{t}	D^{o}
29.	E Brain	D^{o}	S. Southold	D^{o}		56	Allen S^{t}	D^{o}
30.	J. Mapes	D^{o}	Strong Sturges	D^{o}		50	Rutgers S^{t}	D^{o}
31.	D^{o}	D^{o}	J. Roseter	D^{o}		56.	D^{o}	D^{o}
*32.	J^{n} B. Dash	D^{o}	S. Reed	D^{o}		255	Green^{h} S^{t}	D^{o}
33.	Barent Deklyn	Owner.....				177.	Duane S^{t}	D^{o}
33.	Barent Deklyn	Owner.....				177.	Duane S^{t}	A Lot
34.	Archibald Smith	Owner.....					Broadway	D^{o}
35.	Jn^{o} H. Tallman	Owner & Occup^{t}...				12	Warren S^{t}	A Privy

5th May 1817. George Cuming City Inspect^{r}

The City Inspector on the Petition of John Hyslop presented a Report which was read & laid on the Table

A Petition of the Trustees of the Baptist Church in Mulberry Street for Permission [395] to occupy with Building material the Center of Chatham Square was read and granted under direction of the Street Commissioner

The Committee on the Subject of Grand Street Ferry presented a Report

A Memorial from Marinus Willet remonstrating against the extention of the Lease for the Ferry from Grand Street. and a Memorial of David I. Miller. stating that they are owners of Ground on Long Island which they wished to offer—to the Corporation were severally read. M^{r} Lorillard then presented a Resolution which was also Read—It was then moved that the Resolution and the other Documents be referred to the same Committee to report at the next meeting of the Board which was agreed to

The Committee on the Memorial of John Randel presented a further Report in the following words

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of John

* Marginal note reads *See above.*—ED.

Randel Junior on the Subject of Compensation for remeasuring parts of Avenues &c Respectfully Report

That on the thirty first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ten a Contract was entered into between the Corporation and the Memorialist wherein it was stipulated that he should measure accurately all [396] the Avenues &c laid out by the Commissioners appointed for laying out Streets and avenues in the City of New York that he should fix monuments where practicable at the intersections made by the Avenues and Streets. and perform certain other duties therein defined. for which services he was to receive certain Compensation. and that the Corporation would Indemnify him in the due performance of said duties from Suits for the recovery of damages for any waste or Injury to the property of Individuals—It further appears that certain services were performed. by the Memorialist which was not provided for by the Contract, for which in their opinion he is entitled to Compensation. viz. Remeasuring One hundred and sixty thousand feet to replace pegs destroyed by persons unknown to him before the Monuments were set. they therefore recommend that in the settlement of his Account with this Corporation he be allowed to charge the Sum of Four thousand Dollars in full for said Services and all other remeasurements in relation thereto

Respectfully Submitted
Nich^{s} Fish
Reuben Munson
Jn^{o} B. Coles

which was agreed to

The Board proceeded to ballot for a person to receive the fees due to the Corporation on [397] Tavern Licences when John Sidell was chosen and he was directed to give the Security required by Law to be approved by the Mayor and Comptroller

The Board having gone through the Consideration of the revised Laws of the Corporation. the following Laws were passed

1 A Law relative to Suits Fines and Penalties

2 A Law for the due Observance of the first day of the Week called Sunday

3 A Law to prevent Disorderly Assemblages of Persons

4. A Law to prevent Gambling in Public places in the City of New York

5 A Law to prevent Masquerades in the City of New York

6 A Law to prevent Swimming and Bathing at improper Times and places and for other purposes

7. A Law to regulate the driving of Horses and Carriages
8 A Law to prevent the ringing and Tolling of Bells for Funerals
9 A Law prescribing the Duties of the City Inspector
10 A Law for the Establishment of a Board of Health
11 A Law to prevent Nuisances. and to provide for the Security of the Public Health
12 A Law respecting Bills of Mortality
13 A Law for the Appointment of a Street Commissioner and to regulate the Paving and keeping in Repair and to prevent Obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York
14. [398] A Law to regulate the Compensation of Assessors
15 A Law to Regulate Surveyors
16 A Law prescribing the Duties of the Comptroller and Chamberlain
17 A Law directing the mode of Collecting certain Revenues and for other purposes
18 A Law to regulate the Sale of Firewood. for the Appointment of Inspectors thereof, and for the Division of the City into Inspection Districts
19 A Law relative to the Public Seals of the City of New York.
20 A Law to regulate Public Porters in the City of New York
21. A Law relative to persons Licenced by the Mayor to retail Spiritous Liquors
22 A Law to regulate the Fees of Weigh Masters and Measurers
23 A Law respecting Swine
24 A Law to regulate the Sale of certain Wares.
25 A Law directing Reports from Measurers Weigh Masters and Inspectors
26 A Law for the establishing the Assize and for regulating the Inspection of Bread
27 A Law relative to Awnings in the Streets
28 A Law to regulate the Inspection Sale & Cartage of Lime
29 A Law to regulate Sales at Auction in the City of New York
30. [399] A Law to regulate the Measure and Sale of Coal
31. A Law to regulate the Sale of Horses and to prevent their running loose and racing
32 A Law to prevent Obstructions in the River
33. A Law to regulate the Sale Cartage and Inspection of Manure exported from the City of New York and for other purposes
34 A Law to Compensate the Aldermen for Attending the General Sessions of the Peace

35 A Law making provision for the Redemption of the New York City Stock

36 A Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires

37 A Law to regulate the City Watch

38 A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages

39 A Law for the Regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell and for the Appointment of a Keeper thereof

40 A. Law to regulate the Landing and Sale of Hay in the City of New York.

41 A Law Concerning Dogs

42 A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in the City of New York.

43. A Law to regulate the removal of Filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York

44 A. Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips. and to Establish the Rates of Wharfage

45 A. Law to regulate the Digging of Vaults. and the [400] Construction of Cisterns in the Streets

46 A Law to prevent the firing of Guns

47 A Law relative to the Park. Battery and Bowling Green

48 A Law relative to Crackers

49 A Law for the removal of Snow and Ice from the side Walks and Gutters

50 A Law to regulate the raising and lowering of Merchandize

51. A Law to prevent Fraud in the Sale of Vegatables

52 A Law to licence and regulate Chimney Sweepers

53. A Law to prevent the blowing of Horns and other Instruments

54. A Law to regulate Pawn Brokers and dealers in the Purchase and Sale of second hand Furniture Metals and Clothes

55 A Law to regulate the Public Markets

56 A Law for appointing Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell. and for regulating and Governing the same and the Penitentiary of the City of New York.

57 A Law to prohibit the exposure of certain Hand Bills

58 A Law further to regulate Surveyors and Buildings

59 A Law to prevent Damages to Pumps

60 A Law regulating the Fees on making Distress for Rent

61 A Law for the Appointment of a City Intendant and prescribing his Duties

62 A Law to regulate Partition Fences and Walls

63. A Law respecting Weights and Measures
64. A Law regulating the Sale of certain Fish
65. [401] A. Law to prevent the Sifting of Lime in the Streets
66 A Law for the Appointment of an Overseer of the Public Roads and Highways and of a Road Committee

And it was resolved that all former Laws coming within the Perview of the said Laws and inconsistant with the same are hereby Repealed. Provided always that no rights acquired under said former Laws and no Suits which have been commenced under said Laws and which are now pending and undetermined shall in any wise be affected by said Revisal.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	10,645.36
Warrants not presented	399.66
	10.245.70
Van Wart & Gardner 1st District Watch	498.75
Walton and Hibberd 2nd Do	682.50
Norris & Anderson 3d "	670.25
Bleakley & Brower 4th "	413.
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspectr 1 Mo 1st Inst	52.
Jonathan Weeden Do	52.
John Smith Do	52.
Astin & Cochran Messengers	60.
Daniel H. Magee Keeper Pottersfield	45.
John Burger Regulating Public Clock to 1st Inst	78.87
John J. Astor Rent of Ground Spring Street One Year 1st Inst	30.
[402] Thomas P. Low. Printing from 27th March to 1st Inst	85.75
J. Nitchie & J. T. Irving. Loan Officers for Prinl and Interest due 1st May 1817 by Estate of Geo B. Ewart	1054.97
Richard Varicks Bond due 1st Inst	2940.
Thos Barnum Superg Repairs Pier Cedar St	79.
Hannah Remsen by Attorney. J. Targee Award Cliff Street	658.86
Geo. Snethen Supg Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1st Inst	643.34
Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs for Repairs	1100.
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	1000.
	10196.29
Balance	$49.41

[403] In Common Council May 12th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Jacob Lorillard
Jonas Mapes	Anthony L. Underhill
Thomas R Smith	John Brown
William Alburtis	Robert McQueen
Arthur Burtis	Samuel Akerly
Nicholas Fish	George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson	John H Talman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of John G. Leake for Permission to construct a Vault on Chatham Row was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with Authority to grant on the usual Terms

A Petition of John Sherman for an Appointment and a Similar Petition from Benjamin Field was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

[404] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for building a Drain in Pearl Street Easterly of. Maiden Lane and the Fly Market which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The following Communication from the late Council David S. Jones Esquire*

[405] The Finance Committee on the Petition of H. H. Baldwin reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the above Petition of H. H. Baldwin beg leave to Report that on the seventeenth Instant he will be entitled to receive the sum awarded and understanding there will be no difficulty in delaying the removal to that day they deem it unnecessary to take any further order on the Subject

May 12th 1817. On behalf of Finance Com
Th R. Smith Chairm

Which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition of Robert Latimer Reported as follows

The Finance Committee to which was referred the Application of Robert Lattimer for Two Bonds of Five hundred Dollars each on Account of working the eighth Avenue beg leave to Report

That they have taken the same into Consideration

They deem it Improper for the Board to Issue any Bonds of such

* No entry, although space is left for the same.—Ed.

small amounts and are of Opinion that such small Sums should be paid in money whenever necessary

May 12th 1817. On behalf of Finance Com^e
Th R Smith Chr^m

Which was approved

The City Inspector presented Ordinances [406] for Correction of Nuisances which were passed viz^t

N° 1.	G. M'Kay Owner.	J. Falconer Occup^t	36	Jay S^t	A Privy
2.	M & P. Allison	D° P. Wynkoop D°	218.	Church S^t	D°
3.	Tho^s Hays	D° H. Rollins D°	98.	Christie S^t	D°
4.	M^rs T. Conklin	D° J^s Harper D°	74	Roosevelt S^t	D°
5.	J. Barr Jun^r	D° J. Dougherty D°	78.	D°	D°
6	Jn° B. Cox	D° J. Gordon D°	61	Cherry S^t	D°
7.	D°	D° H. Holland D°	63.	D°	D°
8.	D^r P. D Keteltas	D° and Occup^t.....	53.	D°	D°
9	Jn° Higbie	Owner	83	James S^t	D°
10	D°	D° E. Kasmire Occup^t	81.	D°	D°
11.	J. & A. Thompson	Owner. D^r S. L. Seaman Occup^t	59	Cherry S^t	D°
12.	J. & A. Thompson	Owners & Occup^ts	5	Batavia Lane	D°
13.	P. Goelet	Owner M^rs E. Howard Occup^t	6	D°	D°
14.	W^m Ricketts	Owner & Occup^t.....	7.	D°	D°
15.	M^rs F. Frazer	D° D°	8	D°	D°
16.	A. Pence	D° N Robins Occup^t	9.	D°	D°
17.	Do	D° and Occup^t	11.	D°	D°
18.	E. Sneeden	D° and D°	16.	D°	D°
19.	J. Higbie	D° J. Thomas D°	20	D°	D°
20.	R. Thompson	D° and D°	85	James S^t	D°
21.	J. Grant Agent.	J. Brown & N. Anson Occup^ts	14	Batavia Lane	D°
22.	R. Thompson	Owner. A. Raymond Occup^t	22	D°	D°
23.	I. Wood	Owner. C. Brown Occup^t..	7	Lispenard S^t	D°
24.	W Creed	Owner J. Grant Agent....	14	Batavia Lane	A Lot

City Inspectors Office
New York 12 May 1817. George Cuming City Insp^r

[407] M^r Talman presented the following

Resolved that the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner. enquire into the expediency of Regulating and Paving Lispenard

Street from Church to Mercer Streets which was referred to the Committee on Streets & Street Commissioner

Alderman Smith presented the following

Resolved that such of the revised Laws as the Council may think expedient be published under his Direction from time to time in the Papers employed by the Board which was agreed to

The Subject of Assessing property for working Avenues which was postponed at the last Meeting of the Board until this day was now called up—The Resolution postponed by Mr Lorillard was read in the words following

Whereas the Public convenience required the opening some of the avenues and Streets laid out by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose. and two of the Avenues. as also parts of others. have been Ordered to be opened for the Accomodation of the Public in General. and the Land through which the same passes having been taken from the Proprietors and made Public Property it seems Just and reasonable that the expence of making the same into good Roads and keeping them in Repair should be paid out of the Public Treasury. But as Avenues [408] and Streets may hereafter be opened. on the Petition of the Proprietors of Land adjacent to the same. which will be [of] local advantage and not necessary for the Accomodation of the Public Generally. it appears Just and reasonable that the expence of making such avenues and Streets into Roads ought to be paid by the parties benefited thereby

Therefore Resolved that such Avenues and parts of Avenues as have been Ordered to be opened. be worked and made into good Roads at the Public expence

Resolved as the sence of this Board that whenever on the Petition of persons possessing property on any of the avenues or Streets laid out by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, any avenue or Street. or part of an avenue or Street may hereafter be Ordered to be opened, and which is not necessary, for the Accommodation of the Public generally, the expence of working and making the same into Roads ought to be paid by the Individuals benefited thereby

The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative—The Report of the Committee on that Subject was then read and was in the words following

The Committee to which was referred to consider on the propriety of Assessing the expence of working Avenues on the adjacent property Respectfully Report

That they have bestowed considerable attention [409] and reflection on the Subject, a subject affecting the Interest of the Community

and particularly of Individuals to no small extent. large Sums of money have been and must still be expended on the Avenues before they are fit for use. before they can be of benefit to the Public or of advantage to Individuals. And it is certainly of no little importance to ascertain who in reason and Justice should bear the burthen

In taking a view of the Subject and forming an Opinion thereon your Committee have they trust acted with Impartiality. they are not Ignorant it will admit of Considerable argument and may when brought before the Board produce much discussion. It might therefore be unnecessary as well as inconvenient within the bounds of an Ordinary Report to go into a detail of the reasons on which is founded the Opinion they have the Honor of laying before the Corporation. I may not however be Improper to state a few of the most prominent

In all Improvements made within the bounds of our Jurisdiction it certainly must be admitted that the parties benefitted thereby should pay the expences incurred while those injured should in like manner be compensated for losses sustained This Rule is and always must be founded on the Laws of eternal Justice, on this principal are predicated all our Assessments for opening or widening Streets. for making Wells and Pumps and for various other purposes—This has been the constant [410] practice of the Board and if any solitary Instance to the Contrary can be pointed out it must be attributed to oversight or inadvertancy

This principal being conceded let it be applied to the question under consideration

Who will undertake to deny that the property in the Vicinity of or bounded on the Avenues is materially benefitted thereby. in some instances doubled nay quadrupled in value and in every case more or less improved

An Avenue passing through a piece of Land gives two fronts to a public Highway on a great outlet of the City on a Road or what will in a few Years probably be called a Street which is to be in General use in preference to those already provided at the Public expence—What person could be found willing to part with his property when so situated at former prices

These Avenues are soon to become almost exclusively the great highways connecting the City & County with the Neighboring Country. the Old outlets are to be neglected and forgotten, and it is these which are to be brought into constant use. to be lined with ornamental Trees and dotted with sightly buildings

'Tis true it may be said in reply that the Land is paid for by the adjoining property and this is not denied. but let us ask of what use or possible Advantage can this be to any one unless property improved by Converting it into a Convenient & permanent highway [411] as well and indeed better might the ground be confined to its former enclosures unless in this manner the finishing hand be put to it

Let it also be recollected that these very Avenues are to be kept in repair and large Sums from Time to Time expended at the Public Cost

This has been the uniform practice of the Corporation and there is no reason to suppose that any thing less will be done hereafter.

But while examining this Subject the Committee are disposed to exercise perfect Liberality—Tho' therefore they are convinced that the neighbouring property is greatly benefitted by making such splendid and permanent Roads. they readily admit that the Public receive also a share of the advantage by the Comfort and convenience afforded to the Citizens at large as well as by the accumulated influx of Strangers —caused by these Improvements It is then only Just that a proportion of the expence should be sustained by them

Much more might be said on this subject the parallel case of the improvement and extending the Streets might be mentioned as well as various other Cases in point but the Committee forbear, considering that the wisdom of the Board must finally decide the Question. and place the thing on its proper footing

They beg leave to state it as their undivided Opinion that. One third, of the expences of working [412] the first, second third and eighth Avenues should be borne by the property adjacent, that is to say. the property extending half way to the next avenue or proper boundary on each side, this Assessment to be laid in proportion to the relative benefit estimated to be derived from the Improvement according to the usual manner of laying Assessments

With respect to the other avenues and Streets which may hereafter be opened and improved they at this time forbear giving a full Opinion altho' their present Impression is that as there is not nor can there be for many Years any advantage to the public in opening and working them nothing in fact but individual gain, the whole expence in that event should be born by the Adjacent property

Dec 9th 1816.

Th. R. Smith
Jn° B. Coles
G. Buckmaster

The Question being taken on agreeing thereto and a division having been called by Mr Lorillard it passed in the Negative in the following manner

Negative. Mr Recorder Alderman Mapes Burtis Fish Munson Mr Lorillard Underhill Brown Thorp Talman 10.

Affirmative Aldn Coles Smith Alburtis Mr McQueen Akerly—5.

[413] The Minutes of the proceedings of the Board was then read and approved

This being the day Assigned by Law for the Persons Elected to Office at the late Annual Election for Charter Officers to be sworn into Office the following persons attended and took the Oaths prescribed by Law in presence of the Common Council (See Names inserted on the fifth Instant Page 388 &c)

The newly elected Members then took their seats and the Board was formed as follows and the following business transacted

The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor Prest

Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Jones Junr
Joseph Warren Brackett	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	William F. Van Arminge
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis	Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

[414] A Petition of Thomas Hazard and Henry Crum for Appointments to some Office under the Board was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A. Memorial of John. Robert and Samuel Swartwout Lessees of Hoboken Ferry was read. stating that in pursuance of their engagement they have now one Team Boat plying on the Ferry and another in great forwardness. that it appears on examination that the place assigned for the Ferry is not sufficiently spacious for the purpose and praying a Committee to be appointed to examine the same which was referred to Aldn Buckmaster McQueen Underhill

A Petition of Isaac Doty stating that a Complaint had been made against him for altering a House contrary to the Provisions of the Fire Law. and requesting a Committee to be appointed to examine and enquire into the same was read and referred* to the Counsel of the Board to report

* Marginal note reads *See Report in Vol 33 page 47.*—ED.

A. Memorial of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. stating that the Legislature had at the last Session made a Grant to them of Ten Thousand Dollars for the purpose a Building for their Institution. that the situation of their present Building in [415] Barclay Street is Objectionable to the Neighbourhood and requesting the Corporation to lease to them a part of the Public Ground fronting on Chatham Row. was read and thereupon Resolved that the same be Referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of John Pye to be permitted to remove a House from Orange Street to Warren Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the tenth Ward and Street Commissioner

A Representation of Nathaniel H. Lewis of Riotous and improper conduct of Patrick Barron one of the City Weighmasters was read and referred to Ald^{n} M^{c}Queen Brackett M^{r} Stone

A Petition of Adolphus Loss for reappointment as a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Rider Street from Fulton Street to Edens Alley which was passed. and James H. Guion, Jacob C. Mott and John Brown were appointed Assessors

[416] The Council and Attorney of the Board on the Subject of the Petition of M^{r} Deseze presented a further Report (as follows)

The Counsel and Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Communication from M^{r} Deseze Respectfully Report.

That M^{r} Deseze is Chancellor to the French Consul and holds his Appointment from the French Government—That he is not an American Citizen and holds no Real Estate nor is he engaged in Commerce—It therefore follows that he falls within the description of persons who (according to the Letter from M^{r} Lee) are exempted from Taxation in France—That Altho' According to the Laws of Nations Consuls or their Suit are not exempted from Taxation—Yet Courtesy requires that we should extend the same privileges to the Agents of foreign Gover[n]ments which they extend to ours—The Counsel and Attorney are therefore of Opinion that it wou[l]d be proper to direct the Collector to forbear Collecting the Tax due from M^{r} Deseze

Respectfully Submitted

New York 12th May 1817. Ogden Edwards.
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved

The Council of the Board presented a [417] Petition to the Justices of the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for enlarging and Improving Roosevelt Street which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Street Commissioner and Council of the Board presented the following Report. as follows.

The Street Commissioner and the Council of the Board to whom was referred the Communication from Augustus Wright Esq^{r} one of the Commissioners for enlarging S^{t} George Square.

Respectfully Report

That from the Certificates attached to the said Communication. from Plans in the Office of the Street Commissioner and from Information obtained from other sources it satisfactorily appears to the Street Commissioner and the Council that the Ground upon which the Engine House is placed at the Junction of Pearl and Cherry Streets is not the exclusive property of the Corporation but is part of the highway.

Respectfully Submitted

New York 12th May 1817. Ogden Edwards

Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{r}

Which was approved and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to inform the Commissioners of Assessments that the Common Council do not consider that Ground as their exclusive property

[418] The Council of the Board Agreeably to Order presented a Law respecting Swine the Consideration of which was postponed

Alderman Buckmaster presented the following.

Resolved that Jacob Morton be allowed Seven hundred and fifty Dollars in Compensation for his Services as Clerk to the Common Council to commence from the first of May One thousand eight hundred and Sixteen

Which was agreed to

Alderman Smith presented the following.

Whereas the current expences of the Corporation have been gradually encreasing for several Years last past from various causes and particularly from the great addition of foreign Poor. the Support of which has been nearly cut off by a late Act of the Legislature

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the Various expenditures of the Board and to devise and Report such means as in their opinion may be deemed best calculated to reduce the same.

Which was referred to a Committee consisting of [419] Ald[n] Smith Brackett Buckmaster Munson Underhill

Resolved that the newly elected Members of the Common Council be furnished with a Copy of the Laws of the State with the Charter and each a Map of the City and that the Superintendant of Repairs furnish them with the Staves of Office.

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to revise the present Rules and Orders of the Common Council and to Report thereon at the next meeting of the Board Committee appointed Ald[n] Smith Brackett M[r] Akerly.

[420] Bellevieu

In Common Council May 13[th] 1817.

Present The Hon[ble] Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Joseph Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anthony L. Underhill	William F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	John Remmy
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to adjournment

A. Memorial of Peter H. Schenck remonstrating against the Assessment made for widening Maiden Lane, and offering on certain term to withdraw his opposition to the Confirmation of said Assessment by the Supreme Court was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

The Chief Engineer presented the following

[421] The Chief Engineer Respectfully Reports

That he has received from the Comptroller his Warrant on the Treasurer for the Sum of Three hundred Dollars. and after making diligent enquiry relative to the situation an[d] Circumstances of the unfortunate Firemen who were Injured by the Fire in Water Street between Fulton and Burling Slips has appropriated the said Money as follows

To George Herrick	$66.66
" Isaac Skaats	66.67
" John Talman	66.67
" Henry Crumb	100.
	$300.

Which is respectfully Submitted

New York 5th M. (May 13. 1817

Thos Franklin Chief Engr

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 6.

William Brooks No 217 Greenwich Street 3rd Ward vice John Dunn resigned

No 12

Alexander Patterson Fancy Chair Maker No 11 Rose Street 4th Ward vice Caleb Coles Resigned

No 16.

William H. Wells Painter No 61 Liberty Street 2nd Ward vice James Clark resigned

No 21

[422] John S Ames Tinman No 14 Little George Street 2nd Ward vice John B. Clarke Resigned in Consequence of ill Health

No 29.

John Dobs Carpenter. Amos Street 8th Ward vice Robert Welchman Resigned

No 32.

Asa Drake Cartman vice Eli Benedick Resigned

William Hendrickson Carpenter. The Bowery between Broom & Delancey St 10th Ward vice William Bumstead Resigned

No 34.

Joseph Roby *Crocer* [Grocer] Herring Street 9th Ward vice John Forster Resigned

Bela Bacon Grocer Greenwich Street 9th Ward vice Charles Cromwell Resigned

The Comptroller on the Petition of John Van Tassel to assign the Lease of Cellar Number One under Washington Market to Thomas Gibson and Morgan Davis reported in favour of the Petitioners which was approved

The Council of the Board presented Petitions to the Justices of the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending enlarging and Improving Bancker Street between Clinton and Grand Street and for enlarging [423] altering and improving Provost Street which were directed to be duly authenticated

Alderman Smith presented the following

Resolved that persons now at work on the first Avenue be henceforth employed on the third Avenue under the direction of the Street Commissioner till the further order of the Board. or the Road Committee which was agreed to

The Board then proceeded to visit the various Appartments of the Alms House. Hospital and Penitentiary

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

May 19, 1817 to October 27, 1817

[1] In Common Council May 19th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anthony. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	Wm F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmy
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerley
Arthur Burtis	Jacob. B. Taylor
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved

The Committee to whom it was referred to revise and report upon the Rules and Orders of the Board, reported the following. That the only alterations they would suggest, are the following; Rule the 4th to read—The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote and no more

In the 19th Rule, obliterate the words, "and standing Committees"

[2] Insert a Rule to be numbered 21, as follows

All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board—Alter the present Rule No 21 to 22, and the latter part of it to read as follows; Those on Applications, Almshouse, Fines, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, Roads, Streets, Sunday Laws, Wharves, Piers, and Slips shall consist of Three, and the others of Five. Which is respectfully submitted

(Sign'd) Th. R. Smith.
" J. Warren Brackett.

On the question of agreeing to the 4th Rule, a Division having been called by Aldn Coles, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—11 Aldn Smith, McQueen, Buckmaster, Burtis, Thorp, Munson, Mr Stone, Akerley, Taylor, Schieffelin Allen

Negative 7 Aldn Coles, Underhill, Holmes. Mr Stevens, Kip, Van Amringe, Remmy

The following were then agreed upon as the Rules and Orders for

governing the Proceedings of the Common Council, and the Clerk was directed to cause 50 Copies to be printed

[3] Rules and Orders
of the
Common Council
of the
City of New York
Passed May 19th 1817.

1. Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence, the Recorder shall take the chair as President, and the Members be called to order.

2. Immediately after the President shall have taken the chair, the minutes of the preceding Meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Board.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4. The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote, and no more.

5. Every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and address himself to the President.

[4] 6. When Two or more Members shall rise at once, the President shall name the Member who is first to speak.

7. No Member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every Member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken

8. No Question on a motion shall be debated, or put, unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any Member desire it.

9. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless,

1. To amend it.
2. To commit it.
3. To postpone it to a certain day.
4. For the previous question, or
5. To Adjourn.

11. [5] A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form "Shall the main question now be put?"

13. Every Member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

14. A Member called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate; if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

16. Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against [6] the question shall be entered upon the minutes, if any two members require it.

17. In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the Minutes the name of the Member calling for the division.

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same Meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next Meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All appointments of Officers shall be made by Ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board.

20. No Member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

21. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

22. The Standing Committees shall be as [7] follows.

1. Alms House.
2. Applications.
3. Assessments.
4. Arts and Sciences.
5. Canal.
6. Charity.
7. Defence.
8. Ferries.
9. Finance.
10. Fire Department.
11. Lamps.
12. Laws.
13. Markets.
14. Police.
15. Public Lands and Places.
16. Repairs.
17. Roads.
18. Streets.
19. Sunday Laws.
20. Watch.
21. Wharves, Piers, and Slips.

Those on Alms House, Applications, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, Roads, Streets, Sunday Laws, Wharves, Piers and Slips, shall consist of Three, and the others of Five.

[8] His Honor the Mayor in conformity with the Rules of the Common Council appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year, and the Clerk was directed to cause 100 copies of the same to be printed.

Standing Committees

1. Alms House
Alderman Munson
Mr Stone
Alderman Thorp

2. Applications
Messrs Schieffelin
Kip
Taylor

3. Assessments
Messrs Stone
Allen
Jones
Stevens
Remmey

4. Arts & Sciences.
Mr Akerly
Aldermen Smith
Burtis
Bracket.
Mr Remmey.

5. Canal.
Aldermen Coles
Underhill
Messrs Remmey
Schieffelin
Taylor.

6. Charity.
Mr Allen
Aldermen Holmes
Burtis
Coles
Mr Stevens

7. Defence
Aldermen Smith
Buckmaster
McQueen
[9] Coles
Mr Van Amringe.

8. Ferries
Aldermen Buckmaster
Bracket
Holmes

9. Finance
Aldermen Smith
Munson
Messrs Allen
Kip
Akerly

10. Fire Department
Aldermen Burtis
McQueen
Underhill

11. Lamps.
Alderman Munson
Messrs Akerly
Van Amringe

12. Laws.
Alderman Bracket
Messrs Schieffelin
Akerly

13. Markets.
Alderman Buckmaster
Messrs Stone
Allen
Aldermen Coles
Underhill

14. Police
Aldermen Smith
Thorp
Messrs Jones
Stevens
Kip

15. Public Lands & Places

Aldermen Burtris
McQueen
Messrs Jones
Taylor
Schieffelin

16. Repairs

Alderman Thorp
Messrs Allen
Van Amringe

[10] 17. Roads

Alderman Munson
Mr Stone
Alderman Thorp

18. Streets

Alderman Holmes
Messrs Remmey
Kip

19. Sunday Laws

Aldermen McQueen
Munson
Mr Stevens

20. Watch

Alderman Buckmaster
Messrs Van Amringe
Stone
Alderman Smith
Mr Taylor

21. Wharves, Piers, & Slips.

Aldermen Underhill
Buckmaster
Holmes

A Petition was presented from Nathaniel G. Ingraham stating that he is the Administrator of his Son David. G. Ingraham deceased, Guardian of his Infant Children Daniel. P. Ingraham and Sidney. P. Ingraham, and Attorney in fact of his Sons Nathaniel. G. Ingraham Junr and Samuel D. Ingraham that his said children are with the said David G. Ingraham deceased, Owners in fee as Tenants in common of Lots Nos 19 and 21 in Cliff Street: that said Lots have been taken for the improvement of Cliff Street, and the Assessors [11] have awarded to the Owners for their damages sustained the sum of Twelve hundred and Sixty Dollars, and praying said Sum may be paid to him as legal Representative of said Children: Whereupon Ordered, that the Same be referred to the Council to report.

A Petition of Alexander. L. Stewart for payment of sum due to him for regulating Hudson Street from Laight to Spring Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Owners of houses in Cliff Street praying for the removal of certain houses from that part of the Street lately opened was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Allen for re-appointment as Wood Inspector —Recommendations in favour of the re-appointment of Andres Van Orden to the same office—Of Lawrence Leonard to be permitted to sell fruit on the outside of the Park—Of John Lutstorf for appointment of Inspector of Bread—Of John. G. Scholtz for appointment of Weighmaster—Of David Whitehead for appointment of Deputy Street

Commissioner. Of Peter Bolmer, William Pollock [12] and John Blair for appointment to some office under the Corporation were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications

Petitions of the following Persons to be permitted to construct Vaults in the Street were read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms, viz. D. L. Haight in Dey Street—Benjamin Ferris and Amos Butler on Northerly side of Murray Street —John Slidell in Broad Way, and John Van Beuren in Wall Street.

A representation was received from James Bleecker one of the Executors of Anthony. L. Bleecker deceased, stating that they had sold Forty two Lots in the Eighth Ward: that the Purchaser was desirous of paying the Assessment for Canal Street on those Lots to prevent an accumulation of Interest, and requesting a Person might be appointed to receive the same with a stipulation on the part of the Corporation that the same be returned in case the Assessment should be collected from other persons in the vicinity, whose property is now liable for the same—Whereupon the same was referred to the Canal Committee

[13] A Petition of R. Nafey and W. Underhill for remission of penalty under an Ordinance respecting a nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector to report.

A Petition of Higgins and Parks that they may have the Contract for filling in the Water Lot destined for the scite of the Market at Crane Wharf was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, &c.

A Petition that the Side Walks on Washington Street between Robinson and North Moore Streets may be paved was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of James Wright for Stall N° 28 in Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Oliver Waldron for appointment of Overseer of Roads was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Ammi Chase to be relieved from payment of an Assessment for opening Hudson [14] Street was read and referred to the Committee on Charity.

A Petition that the Banks of Earth yet remaining in Hudson Street between Watts and Laight Street may be removed was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Samuel Herriot for further time to remove a Building corner of Hudson and Charles Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of Petition.

A Petition of Bartholomew Clinton and Luke Carrigan for a Stand in front of S[t] Paul's Church to sell fruit was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward to report.

A Communication from the Committee of the Alms House recommending the establishment of a Night Watch at the Penitentiary at Bellevue was read and referred to the Watch Committee to report

[15] Petitions were received from John Aikin, Ab. B. Horton, William Baldwin, Elijah Anderson, and William Falkner praying remission of penalties Said to be incurred by erecting Buildings contrary to the Provisions of the Fire law were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Counsel.

A Communication was received from Edward. C. Genet in relation to his former proposition of improving the mode of lighting the City by means of Reflectors and of a purified oil, and offering Said oil for sale or to engage in a Contract for lighting the City, which being read, was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Complaint of the Inhabitants of New Slip of the offensive situation of the same was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A complaint by sundry Inhabitants that House N° 214 in the Bowery encroached upon the Street was read and referred to Street Commissioner to report

A remonstrance against the passing of a Law to prohibit Swine to run at large was read and [16] laid on the Table.

A Petition of Robert Bogardus for himself and Silvanus Miller and George West was read, stating that the Court of Chancery have decreed the sale of the Property of John Blauvelt and Mary his wife, lying in the Eighth Ward and known as N° 72. of lands surveyed for William. W. Gilbert, for payment of their demands amounting in the whole to Eleven hundred and Seventy three Dollars and Sixty Seven cents: that said Lot has been taken for Public purposes, and the Commissioners of Estimate have awarded to the Owner as Damages the sum of about Seventeen hundred Dollars which has been collected and paid into the City Treasury, and praying that the same may be paid to him—Whereupon it was ordered that said Petition be referred to the Counsel and Attorney to report thereon

The City Inspector reported a nuisance of considerable magnitude at the intersection of Cross Street and Anthony Street which communication was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report

[17] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances on the premises of the Persons following, which were passed,

J. Halsey H. Esther	Owr Occpt	Nº 33	Spring Street	Privy
J. Meyher	Lessee & Ditto	" 87	Murray	"
T. Fairweather	Owr & Do	104	Do	"
Daniel. D. Jones	Do & Do	106	"	"
George DeGrace	Owr	78	Mulberry	"
S. Cook	Owr & Occpt	108	"	"
T. A. Morris J. Hoghland	Owr Occpt	48	Pearl	"
D. Dexter	Owr & Occpt	117	Orange	"
L. Angevine	Do & Do	110	Mulberry	"
Patrick Byrnes	Do & Do	112	"	"
R. Barton T. Reid	Owr Occpt		Orange & Pump	"
P. Shonard J. Hoxie	Owr Occpt	91	Cherry	"
Peter Shonard	Owr & Occpt	89	"	"
S. Frost H. Frost Mrs Bogert	Owr Agt Occpt	14	Thomas	"
Robt R. Hunter Esq.	Owr	112	Reed	(Lot
T. Harsen	Do		Mott Street	"
Mr Franklin G. Newbold	Do Agt	355	Water	"
[18] D. Haggerty	Owr	100	Anthony St	"
D. Rogers Mrs A. Stagg	Do Occpt	264	Greenwich	"
J. Moneypenny D. Underhill	Owr Occpt	262	"	"
Reuben Crump	Do	260	"	"
E. Berger Jas R. Mullany	Owr Occpt	256	"	"
Stephen Gorham	Owr	104	Warren	"
J. Bingham J. L. Van Kleeck	Do Occpt	102	"	"
J. Battin	Owr & Do	266	Greenwich	"

S. Bradhurst	Ow[r]	162 Chamber	(Lot
J. Devoe	Occp[t]		
J. Westervelt	Ow[r]	164 "	"
H. Willson	Occp[t]		
D[r] S. Bradhurst	Ow[r]	345 Washington	"
H. E. Ingraham	Occp[t]		
Jn[o] Woods	Ow[r]	343 "	"
W[m] Roe	Occp[t]		
T. Woods	Ow[r]	341 "	"
S. Rich	Occp[t]		
Baldwin	Ow[r]		
H. Bertholf	Ag[t]		
J. Potts	Occp[t]	Thompson	"
J. Barker	"		
A Bogert	"		

(Signd) George Cuming
City Insp[r]

[19] The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies,

Hose Comp. N[o] 1.

Francis Hall Printer—John Street—2[d] Ward vice Sam[l] Smith Resg[d]

Fire Eng. Comp. N[o] 9.

William Stuart Grocer—Whitehall S[t]—1 Ward vice John Miller Resign[d]

Fire. Eng. Comp. N[o] 21.

Samuel Howard—Blacksmith—110 Reed S[t]—5 W[d] vice Jonathan. R. Ward—left the City

Fire. Eng. Comp. N[o] 27.

Samuel Smith—Ship Carpenter—18 Van Dam S[t]— 8 W[d]
vice Jacob Richmond Resign[d]

Robert Moore—Cartman—Sullivan near Spring S[t]— 8[th] "
vice Joel Pratt—left the city

William Smith—Shoemaker 551 Greenwich S[t]— 8 "
to complete number

Fire Eng. C[o] N[o] 36.

Jn[o] B. Glashong—Butcher—c. Spring & Greenwich— 8 "
vice Nicholas Glashong—left city

Amos Wurdin—Cartman—c. Varick & Van Dam— 8 W^d
vice John C. Parmely. left city
Henry Wurdin Cartman—c. Varick & Van Dam— 8 "
vice John Copeman. left city
Benj^n Verbryck—Blacksmith—Crosby n Spring 8 "
vice Henry Knapp Resign^d

[20] The Street Commissioner presented the following,

The Street Commissioner has the honour to acquaint the Common Council, that having obtained permission of Leffert Lefferts and Peter R. Livingston to build the Bulkhead in front of their property between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf—He has entered into an agreement with a Dockbuilder for that purpose at the rate of Forty Dollars per Foot running measure, payable as usual in four instalments: The other Proprietors have made a Contract for the remaining part of the Bulkhead, and it is expected that the whole will be completed by the First of August next. He would suggest the propriety of directions being given to fill up the lots: that a contract may be formed in time, so that the filling may commence as soon as the Bulkhead is properly secured

(Sign'd) Jn^o M^cComb. S^t Com^r

which was approved, and he was directed to carry the same into effect.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of permitting the removal of old Buildings through the Streets of the City, which was read and laid on the Table

[21] The Street Commissioner agreeably to order presented Profiles of Lombardy and Orange Streets for the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on those Streets, which were confirmed and approved.

The Counsel presented Two Grants of Water Lots at Brooklyn, one to Robert Morris, and the other to Robert Morris and James Ludlum, which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented a Communication stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening Bridge and Water Streets and recommended the appointment of a Collector, Whereupon Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector. He also recommended that the Street Commissioner direct the removal of Incumbrances from those Streets, which was approved

The Comptroller presented a Communication of considerable length on the Fiscal affairs of the Corporation, which was referred to

the Committee of Finance, to direct the printing of such part, as they shall judge advisable

[22] The Committee on the Petition for widening Harman Street presented a report, which was read and laid on the Table, and the Commissioners of Assessment were requested to stay further proceedings, &c.

Alderman Smith from the Committee on the Resolution on the subject of reducing the Expenditures of the Corporation, presented the following report,

The Committee to which was referred the Resolution of the Board of the 12th Instant, directing an enquiry into the means best calculated to reduce the current expenses of the Corporation, respectfully represent,

That they have had the subject under consideration: they are well convinced that the state of the funds require, and the alterations of the times warrant retrenchments: the public eye has been for some time looking for such a measure, and it is believed that the present would be as suitable a period for commencing it as any other. They beg leave to report in part, that in their opinion the First and Third Watch Districts may be consolidated without the least disadvantage to the Public: by which the expense of Two Captains [23] Two Assistants, a Doorkeeper, Fuel, Candles, and several other things would be saved: there appears no necessity for Two Watchouses situated so nearly to each other—The situation of the City Hall is eligible, and the accommodations are sufficient for the Two Districts with the advantage of Cells, which does not exist at Washington Market—By such an arrangement it is calculated that the Public would save about Two Thousand Dollars per annum: It is proposed to reduce the Salary of the Superintendant of the Alms-House to Fifteen Hundred Dollars—It is believed that this reduction of Five Hundred Dollars will not be viewed as unjust or unreasonable, when it is considered that formerly this officer provided himself with a Dwelling House and several other conveniences which are now furnished by the Public—The house in which he now resides belongs to the Corporation, and has been made comfortable and convenient, having been fitted up and repaired under his own immediate inspection: to it is attached a neat and productive garden which is worked by persons from the Alms-House: these advantages are considered by your Committee as more than equivalent to the proposed reduction

To the Alms House Department is attached an officer called a Purveyor with a [24] Salary of Five hundred Dollars, whose duty it

is to make certain purchases under the direction of the Commissioners or Superintendant: The duties of this office are light, and have lately become more so than usual from the activity and attention of the Commissioners of this Establishment: It is believed that the whole of this sum may be saved by placing the business entirely in the hands of these Gentlemen, who may direct the Person having charge of their part of the old Alms-House, or some other one under their controul to make purchases without any charge for such service—It is proposed to put the Salary of the Street Commissioner at Sixteen Hundred Dollars instead of Two Thousand—In doing this, the Committee take into consideration that he has always at hand a valuable Assistant, and that to the office are attached Several Deputies under his controul and direction

It is proposed to reduce the Salary of the Comptroller to Sixteen hundred Dollars, and as he is entirely without clerks or assistance of any kind, to allow him Four hundred Dollars for Clerk hire—It is conceived that this is only reasonable, when the labour and importance of the office are taken into consideration, and when it is recollected that every [25] other leading office has assistance of one kind or another—It is proposed to reduce the Salary of Police Justices to the rate allowed by the law of the State, viz. Seven hundred and fifty Dollars each, with fees of office—What amount of fees is received in this Department is not exactly known to the Committee: but there can be no doubt that the whole affords an income of more than Twenty five hundred Dollars per annum to each person The contemplated reduction of Two hundred and fifty Dollars each will still leave them in possession, it is beleived, of an income equal to any thing in the gift of the Corporation: It may not be amiss to state also, that the business of this office is so arranged as to releive those Officers from the fatigues of duty a considerable part of their time throughout the year

It is further proposed that the City should in future be divided into but Two Districts for the Superintendance of the Deputy Street Inspectors to each of which should be appointed one officer. It is beleived that such an arrangement would be compatible with the public interest, particularly as the City Intendant will releive them of much of their labour—This would make a saving of Six hundred and twenty four Dollars a year—There are, without doubt, other items [26] where a reasonable saving may be made, which the Committee hope soon to lay before the Board for their consideration, making in the aggregate a considerable annual saving; all which, it is beleived, may be done

with strict justice and propriety. In conformity with this report they beg leave to submit the resolutions annexed

(Sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Reuben Munson

Resolved that the First and Third Watch Districts be, and they are hereby united in one District by the name of the First Watch District: the Watch House to be at the City Hall: that the appointments of Two Captains and Two Assistants of the present First District be annulled, and that the Watchmen now belonging to the said District be considered as belonging to the United District, and also that the present Fourth District be denominated the Third District

Resolved that the Salary of the Superintendant of the Alms-House be hereafter at the rate of Fifteen hundred Dollars per annum

Resolved that the respective Salaries of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be hereafter at the rate of Sixteen Hundred Dollars [27] per annum: the latter to receive in addition thereto Four hundred Dollars per annum for, or in lieu of Clerk hire

Resolved that the office of Purveyor be vacated, and that the duties thereof be performed by the Assistant of the Commissioners of the Alms House, or such other officer of the Board under their controul as they may direct to perform the same

Resolved that the Salaries of the Police Justices payable by the Corporation be hereafter at the rate of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars per annum each

Resolved that the City be henceforth divided into Two Districts for the superintendance of the Deputy Street Inspector, which Districts shall be the Same as are now laid out for the Manure Contractors: that the office of Deputy Street Inspector for the lower District be annulled—and that the officer of the present Eastern District take charge of the Eastern District hereby intended, and the other of the Western District as hereby intended

Which was approved—Ald^{n} Coles gave notice of motion of reconsideration of the part relating to the Comptroller

Alderman Smith presented the following,

Resolved that it be referred to the Canal [28] Committee to enquire into the propriety of collecting forthwith the Assessment due for Canal Street; which was approved and referred accordingly to said Committee

Mr Akerly presented a Resolution referring it to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner to enquire into, and report as to the right of the Heirs of Thomas Buchanan to a Birth for a Ship on the Westerly side of Rutgers Slip, and whether the Store belonging to said Estate, or any part of it stands on the public ground; which was agreed to

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner to cause Varick's Basin to be filled up to such extent as to him may appear proper, and as suitable opportunities of procuring earth may offer for that purpose—which was agreed to

Aldn Munson presented the following Resolution,

Whereas, the Legislature at their last Session did pass a Law taking from this Board a large proportion of the Revenue called the Auction Duties, which has been appropriated for the support of Foreign Poor, and Whereas the [29] number of Domestic Foreign Poor have increased to an alarming degree, it therefore renders it necessary that something should be done, if possible, to remedy so large and increasing an expense to a Portion of our Citizens, Therefore Resolved, that a Committee be appointed together with the Commissioners of the Alms House, to enquire into the subject generally and report to this Board with all convenient speed, the best possible means to remove the difficulties above alluded to, which was approved, and referred to the following Committee, Alderman Munson Mr Stevens Akerly Schieffelin Allen

The Board proceeded to elect a Person to fill the office of City Intendant, when Jonathan Pinckney was chosen

On motion, Morris De Camp was appointed Collector on the Assessment for opening Hudson Street, reported upon by D. S. Jones late Counsel, on the 12th Inst

The Comptroller stating that he had business of a confidential nature to communicate, the Gallery [30] was cleared and the Doors closed.

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of a payment which had been made by the Sureties of William Johnson, and received by the late Comptroller, and not carried by him or the Treasurer to the credit of the Corporation, which was referred to the Finance Committee with directions also to enquire generally into the Accounts of the late Comptroller

Mr Allen presented the following Resolution,

Resolved that in addition to the duties enjoined by law on the City Intendant, he shall provide a Box, and place the same in the office of the Street Commissioner for the purpose of receiving communica-

tions relative to offences committed against the laws, of which public notice shall be given, requesting information from the Citizens generally touching offences, their situation, and the person or persons who have committed them, together with such other matters as will lead to a conviction of the Offender,

which was agreed to

The Comptroller reported,

Cash in the Treasury	19.148.
Warrants not presented	307.66
	$18.840.34

[31] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Van Wart & Gardner—Watch 1st Dist	498.75
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Norris & Anderson " 3d "	670.25
Bleakley & Brower " 4th "	413.
John McComb. St Comr 1 Quartr Salary 12 Apl	500.
Henry Allen repg Pier. W. side Market St Slip	133.93
Thos & Geo. Lovett " " Cedar St Corporatn ½	398.78
N. & H. Weed—1 Quartr Rent Whf. Cortlandt St 1s Inst	75.
J. B. Coles Esq. attendg Sessions April—12 days	48.
J. Mapes " " " Dec. Apl & Specl Sessns 29 dys	116.
A. H. Lawrence " " " May— 6 dys	24.
Peter Conrey " " " " 6 "	24.
Eldad Holmes " " " " 6 "	24.
A. L. Underhill " " " " 6 "	24.
Thos R. Smith Esq. " " Jany 12 "	48.
Wm Alburtis " " " " 12 "	48.
Arthur Burtis " " " Feby 12 "	48.
Nicholas Fish " " " March 12 "	48.
R. Munson Esq " " " & Specl Sessns 17 dys	68.
J. Morton Clk. Com. Council & Recordg Clk to 1. Inst	275.
G. Sickels & 2 Assists City Prison 1 Quartr Salary 1 "	350.
Ditto to pay officers conveyg Prisoners to Prison 6 Mos to 1. Inst	74.68
Disbrow, Striker, Concklin, & Abel enforcg Laws 2 Mos 10th Inst	133.33
Joseph Varick, Inspector Bread 1 Quartr 17th "	91.50
Seymour Sherwood. Keeper Battery. 63 Dys to 12th "	63.
[32] Jesse Dowe—Carriage hire—18th Apl & 13th May	45.
Reuben Stevens—postg bills to 4th Inst	22.25
D. Phyfe—mending chairs	3.
Revd Jno Stanford—Services last year Alms H. &c	300.
Jacob Hays—detectg Incendiaries	300.
J. Sidell 1st Marshall—to pay officers attendg Electn	262.
R. Munson Esq. for M. Crosby—17 Casks Oil	749.31

Conrad Jordan—Work at Lamps—3 Mos 1 Inst	12.12
Israel Haviland—Hose for Engines & repg to 11 Apl	1041.50
Samuel Stilwill—1 Yr's Rent Ground for Engine No 19 to 1. Inst	20.
Barnes Hatfield—1s Instalt Well & Pump Goerck St	40.38
Mary Ellis—Award for Cliff Street	8674.14
Abm Stagg—balce regulatg Gouverneur St	399.
Richard Moran—pavg Intersectns Water St	252.96
Abm Stagg—pavg 6th Street from Rivington to Stanton St	200.
Archd Smyth " Laight Street	116.26
Jacob. P. Roome—Superidt Repairs—for Repairs	1500.
	18.817.64
Balance	$22.70

Board adjourned to meet on Monday 4. O.clock

[33] In Common Council May 26th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor. President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles	Samuel Jones Junr
Joseph Warren Brackett	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Wm Van Amringe
Thomas. R. Smith	Willm Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmy
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
George. B. Thorp	Jacob. B. Taylor
Reuben Munson	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Van Orden to construct a Vault in Hudson Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of John Van Orden for permission to purchase a small gore corner of Hudson and Duane Streets adjoining his Lot and left by the opening of Duane Street into Chamber Street [34] was read and referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner and Comptroller to report, and the Comptroller was added to the same Committee on a similar petition

A request of James Vincent for permission to remove through the Street a small house standing in Chapel Street was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of George Buchanan in behalf of the Heirs of Thomas Buchanan deceased, praying an extension of the Water Grant to said

Estate on West Side of Rutger's Slip to the permanent line, and requesting that an Ordinance may be passed directing them to carry out their Pier in a line with the West side of Rutger's Slip, and their Store to remain as now situated, they engaging to keep the said Street Way or Pier in repair, which being read, was referred to the Street Commissioner

A request of the Loan Officers for payment of the amount due on Sale of Mortgaged property of A. L. Bleecker purchased on 15th April last by the Street Commissioner by order of the Board, and also of the Balance due on said Mortgage [35] after deducting said amount of sale, said balance amounting to Four hundred and thirty Dollars and Sixty cents, was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Letter from Thomas Hazard Junr offering to supply oil for lighting the Lamps of the City, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A. Letter from John Edwards was received, stating that he has a Patent from the United States for constructing Scale Beams, and that to subject him to the Law respecting Weights and Measures would be attended with great loss and inconvenience to him, and without any utility to the Public, and praying to be exempted therefrom, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences, and the Counsel

A Petition of Wright Carpenter for Appointment of Measurer of Lime—Of John Hanmer for appointment of Collector of Assessments —A recommendation that Phares Wright be appointed Keeper of the Pound, and of John Smith late Deputy Street Commissioner for appointment as Wood or Lime Inspector, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications

[36] A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Franklin Square against the Assessment for enlarging said Square, was read and laid on the Table

A Petition was received from Nicholas. N. Anthony stating that he has received an order from the Street Commissioner to remove the Stoops belonging to the Houses Nos 30 and 32 Frankfort Street: that those Houses have been built upwards of Twenty years, and the removal directed will be attended with serious injury and praying the interference of the Board, whereupon the same was referred to the Street Commissioner to report

A Petition of William. S. Smith for permission to assign Lease of No 4 Peck Slip to Robert Shankland was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition from Solomon and Abraham Seixas was received stat-

ing that previous to the passage of the late Law prohibiting Sales at Auction in the Streets but at particularly described places, they had rented a Store in Water Street for the Auction business where [37] goods were formerly sold: that the prohibition of the law will be attended with great distress to themselves and a numerous family, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets; and on motion of Mr Schieffelin it was resolved that permission be given them to sell in the Street until the Report of the Committee on their Petition

A further Petition for relief from Henry Simmons Surety for John Rayner late Deputy Clerk of Fly Market was read and laid on the Table

A Remonstrance of John Ireland against paying to Hezekiah. H. Baldwin the amount of Assessment awarded to him for Damages sustained in opening Hudson Street, the ground for which said award was made being under Mortgage to the Petitioner was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Request of the Treasurer of the New York Free School Society for payment of Two Thousand Dollars allowed to them by an Act of the Legislature out of the Monies received for Excise Licenses was read and referred to the Comptroller

[38] David. S. Jones Esq. late Counsel of the Board made a communication on the subject of the Controversy which heretofore existed between the Corporation and Mr Peter. H. Schenck respecting the Ground on which the Oswego Market formerly stood, and the Street Southerly and Easterly thereof, and representing the present situation of that matter was read and referred to Alderman Brackett. Mr Schieffelin. Mr Stevens.

A Petition of Matthias Bruen respecting a fine incurred under an Ordinance regarding a Nuisance was read and referred to the Attorney to report

A Petition of Jacob Halsey praying payment of Balance due him on Contract for building Pier at Catharine Slip amounting to Seven hundred and fifteen Dollars and fifty cents, it being the proportion which should be paid to the Corporation by Mr John. R. Murray, but which he has not been able to obtain, whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to, the Street Commissioner, Comptroller, and Counsel

[39] A Petition of Felix Fagan to be permitted to vend fruit in the Streets of the City was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward

A Petition of Thomas Hazard to be permitted to keep the ground open longer than the time prescribed by law in constructing his Vault, as great delays have been occasioned by the sandy and loose nature of the soil, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition

A Petition of Felix Cunningham Auctioneer that his Store corner of Chatham and Fayette Streets may be designated as one of the places where Auctions may be held in the Streets, the same having been so occupied many years, and the Neighbourhood having no objection to the same as was signified by their subscriptions to his Petition, was read and granted

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Lombardy Street that the Liberty Pole there erected may be taken down, as its decayed state renders it dangerous to the Neighbourhood, and also stating the small Park at same place to be a Nuisance [40] and praying that it may be paved, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward to act in the premises as they shall deem advisable

A Petition of Catharine M^{c}Ginley for Huckster's Stand in the Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of William Brady stating that neither of the Persons appointed as Weighers of Hay in the Town of Haerlem has Hay Scales or other conveniences for the weighing of Hay, whereby the Public was put to great inconvenience; that he had provided the necessary Scales, &c, and praying the appointment of Weigher of Hay, was read, Whereupon it was moved by M^{r} Schieffelin that William Brady be appointed to said office—After some discussion, the further consideration thereof was postponed

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Varick and Van Dam Streets for the Well and Pump at corner of said Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

[41] A further Petition of Charles Udall for Appointment of Measurer of Grain was read and laid on the Table

The City Inspector presented the following ordinances for correction of Nuisances on the premises of Sundry Persons, which were passed,

John Ball E. Sherwood	Owner Occp^{t}	N^{o} 1 Moore S^{t}	Privy
W^{m} Ogden Willis Clark	Owner Occp^{t}	103 Chamber S^{t}	"

H. Willett J. Ackerly	Owner Occpt	150	Division St	Privy
J. McLean Ezra Frost	Owner Occpt	94	Hester St	"
E. Ferris D. Reid	Owner Occpt	11	Bancker St	"
E. Ferris S. Bliss	Owner Occpt	38	Roosevelt St	"
Isaac Jaques	Owner	29	Pearl "	"
Mrs Schemerhorn	"	31	" "	"
Dr John Watts	Agent	33	" "	"
Ditto	"	35	" "	"
Thomas Richards	Owner	39	" "	"
S. Gedney	"	41	" "	"
Benjamin Mead	"	47	" "	"
B. U. Coles	"	49	" "	"
[42] R. Duryee	Agent	51	" "	"
Mrs F. Chapman	Lessee & Occpt	118	" "	"
Dr John. H. Douglass	Owner	Chapel & Chamber St		"
Garrit Dyckman	"	192	Duane "	"
John Van Orden	"	194	" "	"
James Jenkins	"	196	" "	"
John. J. Labouisse	"	198	" "	"
Henry Heiser	"	200	" "	"
Ann Post	"	50	Chapel "	"
George Ellison	"	48	" "	"
Mrs Berrian	"	Reed & Chapel		"
George Ellison	"	46	Reed "	"
Mrs Berrian	"	121	" "	"
Eliza Ludlow	"	122	" "	"
Wm Berrian	"	123	" "	"
D. Campbell	"	124	" "	"
Jno Martin	"	126	" "	"
Mrs West	"	128	" "	"
S. Moore Jas Brown	Agent Occpt		Vandam St	"
J. Harsin John Bell	Owner Occpt	142	Chatham "	"
Gilbert Haviland	Owner & Occpt		Hudson St	"
Andrew Morris A. Warkoff	Owner Occpt	50	Pearl "	Lot

J. Bleecker	Agent }		Broadway	Lot
Mary Bleecker	Owner }			
[43] Dr Caspar W. Eddy.	Owner	18	Batavia Lane	"
Ditto	"	20	" "	"
G. B. Abeel	"		South Street	"
Roswell Lewis	Agent		" "	"
Mrs Eve Bunce	Owner		" "	"
Jno G. Coster	"		" "	"
Wm & G. Post	"		" "	"

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspr

The Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward, Street Commissioner, and City Inspector, to whom was referred the Communication of the City Inspector respecting a Nuisance at the intersection of Cross and Anthony Streets reported,

The City Inspector respectfully states that the Commissioners of the Board of Health have this day reported at his office, a Nuisance of a very public nature and dangerous to the health of the Inhabitants adjoining its' scite: at the intersection of Cross Street and Anthony Street (formerly little Water Street) the City Inspector represents that he has frequently viewed said Nuisance which is very offensive, and last year it's correction was urged by several applications from the neighbouring Inhabitants [44] to the Board—He would respectfully suggest the propriety of taking up the subject early, with a view of correcting the Nuisance above mentioned, before the warm weather commences

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspr

The Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward, together with the City Inspector and Street Commissioner, to whom the above report was referred, Having viewed the Situation of Cross and Anthony Streets as complained of, Report that they are decidedly of opinion that it will be impossible to do away the nuisance effectually without raising all those low Streets and Grounds, which are connected with Collect Street, and they respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare Ordinances against the next Meeting of the Board for the purpose of regulating and paving Orange Street, Cross Street, Little Water Street, with such parts of Anthony and Mulberry Streets, as may be necessary to throw the water into Collect Street, which they consider the only measure that can be taken

to relieve that part of the City from a very disagreeable and dangerous nuisance, [45] and which was heretofore intended to be done

(Sign'd) Robert M^cQueen
" John Remmey
" George Cuming City Insp^r
" John M^cComb S^t Com^r

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner was directed to report ordinances accordingly

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of A. L. Stewart presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table

The Street Commissioner presented an Account of Thomas Barnum for Superintending the repairs of the Pier at the foot of Cedar Street, amounting to Seventy nine Dollars, one half of which was due from Mess^rs John Murray & Sons, and who refused payment, whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel to report as to the means of enforcing the payment of Mess^rs Murray's proportion

The Street Commissioner presented a certified copy of a Map of the ground lying between the Bowery and Sixth Avenue, in order that it may be approved and be certified by the Clerk of the Common Council [46] which was approved, and the Clerk directed to certify the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Goerck Street between Grand and Broome Streets, which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving side walks in Washington Street between Robinson and North Moore Streets, which was passed, and James. H. Guion, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies,

Fire Eng. Comp. N^o 21.

Nathan Crowell—Chairmaker—20 Gold S^t—2^d W^d vice William Colgate—Resigned

Fire. Eng. Comp. N^o 28.

Joseph Blackwell—Butcher—6 Orange S^t—vice George Mason—Expelled for n. of duty

Parley Sullard—Carpenter—10 Rivington S^t vice Jesse Night—Expelled for n. of duty

[47] Fire. Eng. Co No 33

Robert Whiston—Cartman—Goerick St— 10th Ward
vice James Reynolds—Resigned

Isaac Jenkins—Boiler Maker—Lombardy St 7th "
vice Lockwood Gurman—Resigned

Samuel Cook—Blacksmith—Corlies Hook— 7th "
vice Stephen Seaman—Resigned

Fire Eng. Comp. No 37.

Elijah Hitchcock—Saddletree Maker—Second St— 10th "
n. Broome "
vice George Howard—Resigned

The Committee on Applications to whom was referred the Petition of John. G. Shultz for appointment of a Weighmaster, reported in favor of the Petitioner which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly

The Report of the Committee on widening Harman Street, which was laid on the Table at last Meeting was called up: A conveyance to the Corporation from the Parties Owners of the Ground to be taken for said improvement was presented. Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to examine said conveyance, and report as to it's sufficiency

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of Ruggles Hubbard Sheriff of the City, reported [48] The Commissioners of the Alms House and the Counsel of the Board, to whom was referred the Petition of the Sheriff of the City and County of New York, respectfully Report,

That the Corporation are liable for the expenses necessary for conveying Convicts to the Penitentiary—The Commissioners are however of opinion that the mode adopted by the Sheriff was unnecessarily expensive; but as he has paid, or is liable to pay the sums charged, they are of opinion that his Account ought to be paid with the exception of Six Dollars for conveying Convicts to the State Prison, which ought to be charged to the State

The Commissioners and the Counsel respectfully recommend that some arrangement be made for the conveyance of Convicts hereafter, which can be done at an expense not exceeding Fifty cents each

By order of the Commissioners of the Alms House

(Signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was approved, and a Warrant ordered to issue for the payment of the same

The Counsel on the Petition of Isaac Doty reported, That he has examined the premises mentioned in the Petition of Isaac Doty [49] and that it is a Three Story Wooden Building in all respects like an ordinary Three Story House, excepting that the Third Story [projects] about one foot from the lower Stories—The Counsel is of opinion that as the Statute prohibits the erection of Three Story Wooden Buildings within the Limits which include this house, that he the Petitioner has subjected himself to the Penalties of it

(Signd) Ogden Edwards

The Counsel on the Petition of N. G. Ingraham reported, That by the Hundred and eighty fourth Section of the Act, entitled, "An Act to reduce several Laws, relating particularly to the City of New York, into one Act" it is enacted, "That whenever the Owners and Proprietors of any such lands, &c, so to be taken for any of the purposes aforesaid &c, shall be under the age of Twenty one years &c, it shall be lawful for the said Mayor &c to pay the sum or sums mentioned in the said report &c into the said Supreme Court of Judicature, to be secured, disposed of, and improved, as the said Court, shall direct." The Counsel is of opinion that the Legislature thereby intended to place the proceeds of real Estate which might be taken for the purposes aforesaid in such a situation, that they might be disposed of [50] according to the rules of descent—If the money is paid over to the Guardian of the Minors, or to the Administrator of the deceased, this object may be defeated—In addition to this, there is another consideration which would render it inexpedient in any case to pay the money to a Guardian or Administrator: when letters of Guardianship are granted, the amount of the Bond corresponds to the amount of the personal property and the amount of the Rents and Profits of the land of the Ward—By the operation of the above mentioned Statute, the estate of a Ward to an amount far exceeding the amount of the Guardian Bond may be converted from real to personal Estate, and of course if it should be placed in the hands of the Guardian, he would hold it without having given adequate security

The Counsel is therefore of opinion that so much of the money as was awarded to the Infant Children of the Petitioner ought to be paid into the Supreme Court—By the Statute regulating descents it is enacted, That if an inheritance come to a Person from the part of his Mother, it shall descend as if he had Survived his Father—If therefore the Property for which this sum was awarded to David. G. [51] Ingraham deceased came to him from the part of his Mother, his

Father is not entitled to it; but if said David came to this property in any other way, then his Father will be entitled to the sum awarded said David—As Samuel. D. Ingraham resides in the City of New York, his share of the money should be paid to him personally, as a payment in pursuance of a Power of Attorney would render it necessary that the Power should be proved and lodged in the Street Commissioner's office, which would subject him to unnecessary trouble—With respect to that part of the money which belongs to Nathaniel. G. Ingraham Jun^{r} of London, the Counsel is of opinion that there is no objection to it's being paid to the Petitioner upon his delivering to the Street Commissioner a Power of Attorney to receive it

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

which was approved, and it was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller to carry the same into effect

The Counsel, Comptroller, and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the Petition of John. R. Livingston, reported

That M^{r} Hunn, the former Street Commissioner, and Alderman Mott, (who was one of [52] the Committee upon Wharves and Slips at the time the Bulkhead mentioned in the Memorial was constructed) both concur in stating, that in consideration the Corporation would not at that time require Goerck Street to be filled up and regulated in pursuance of an ordinance which had passed the Common Council, M^{r} Livingston agreed that he would make one half of the Bulkhead: that he accordingly paid one half of the expense of it, and Goerck Street was not then required to be made—That the making of the Bulkhead at that time was of but very little benefit to the Corporation, but has been very beneficial to M^{r} Livingston, as he has thereby saved an immense quantity of earth which has washed down from the Surrounding ground—This undoubtedly presented a strong inducement to him for making that agreement—The Subscribers are therefore of opinion that M^{r} Livingston's claim is not founded either in law or justice

(Signd) John M^{c}Comb S^{t} Com^{r}
" G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}
" Ogden Edwards

which was approved

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the [53] subject of collecting the Assessment on Canal Street, reported, That an Act passed the Legislature of this State on the Twenty fourth of March 1809 to appoint Commissioners with power to lay out the said Street,

to estimate the Damages sustained by those Persons whose ground should be taken for the same, together with the expenses incident thereto, and to assess the amount thereof upon the Houses and Lands benefited thereby—That the said Commissioners in pursuance of the aforesaid authority performed the duties imposed upon them, and on the Twentieth of August 1810 filed their report in relation to the Same with the Corporation, by which it appears the Assessment amounted to One hundred and fifty nine Thousand Two hundred and thirty Seven Dollars and Seventeen cents, which amount the Corporation paid to those who were entitled to it, looking to the collection of the Assessment for remuneration—That by an Act passed the Legislature on the Third of April 1811 all the Estates assessed were relieved from one third the amount (except the Lots laying on Canal Street) and the Corporation were authorized to assess that third upon all the Estates Real and Personal in the City of New York, which third has been levied and collected, although the amount [54] cannot be ascertained at this time by the Books of the Comptroller—That on the Nineteenth June 1812, an Act passed the Legislature for suspending the collection of the Assessment upon the premises benefitted by laying out the said Street, which were to pay only two thirds the Assessment for a limited time, now passed, but provided, from the passing of the last mentioned Act, interest should be paid to the Corporation upon the Assessment

From the foregoing statement it appears that the whole amount assessed by the Commissioners is	$159.237.17
deduct amount of the assessment upon ground laying on Canal Stt.	17.077.28
	142.159.89
By the Act of 1811, the City was to pay of this sum, one third say..	47.386.63
The Amount to be paid at rate of ⅔ds =	94.773.26
To which add the Amot on Canal St	17.077.28
the whole Amount, excepting the Third paid by the City	111.850.54
Upon which it appears that Noah Jarvis has collected, exclusive of Interest	13.150.90
This sum is now due upon the Assessment, with Interest from the Nineteenth of June 1812	98.699.64

Your Committee know of no [55] good reason why this money has not been collected heretofore—As far as they have been able to obtain information upon the objects, for which this expense has been incurred, it appears that in the natural formation of many hundred acres

of ground bordering upon a lower part thereof called the Collect, and extending from thence nearly a mile to the Hudson River, no part of which low ground is more than about nine feet higher than the Tide water, discharges all the water which falls upon it, and is not absorbed through a rivulet formed in this low ground, and as all the ground both high and low was becoming thickly settled and growing up into a city, it had become very valuable and a necessity is thereby created to provide a more fit outlet for the water, for which the said Canal Street has been made One hundred feet wide by taking ground from the Owners thereof, and the Assessment for this expense has been made principally upon the grounds which require this water course, and in the opinion of your Committee it ought not now to be altered or changed: they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Assessment for Canal Street be forthwith collected, and that [56] Noah Jarvis be the Collector

Your Committee in the course of investigating this subject, find, that Noah Jarvis was formerly appointed the Collector of this Assessment, and from him they have collected much information upon the subject, which has become intricate and complex from delay, and believe that it is for the public interest that he be the Collector, and recommend that he be appointed

(Signed) John. B. Coles
" Jacob. B. Taylor
" Effingham Schieffelin
" John Remmy

which was approved, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector of the same

The Finance Committee on the Financial Report of the Comptroller reported,

That after examining the same, they have ordered One hundred copies in the Pamphlet form to be printed for the use of the Members and recommend that the Accounts be published in the Corporation Papers for the information of the Citizens—It is also proposed, that a Committee, as usual, be appointed to examine the Accounts of the Comptroller for the last year; and [57] report thereon to the Board

(Sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Samuel Akerley
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen

which was approved, and the following Persons were appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Comptroller, Messrs Allen Vn Amringe Akerley

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Communication made by the Comptroller at the last Meeting of the Board on the subject of a payment made by the Sureties of William Johnson, and not carried to the credit of the Corporation, reported, That, that had been properly adjusted and the money paid into the Treasury: they also reported, that a Balance of about One Thousand Dollars owing to the Mechanic's Bank, and, as the late Comptroller supposed was to be paid by the Corporation, was admitted by him to be chargeable to himself, and he had undertaken to discharge the same; which Report was read, approved, and directed to be filed

[58] The Comptroller made a Communication to the Board, stating that the Corporation Property at Brooklyn which had been leased to Burdett Stocker had reverted to them in consequence of non payment of Rent by Mr Stocker, and he recommended that the same be leased for the term of one year from the First Instant: He also recommended that the vacant Lots at Brooklyn Nos 14. 16. 17. 18 be leased for a term of years—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller

Alderman Coles, agreeably to notice given, moved to reconsider the vote given at the last Meeting on the reduction of the Salary of the Comptroller, in respect to allowing him Four hundred Dollars for Clerk hire—The Motion to reconsider was agreed to—He then moved that the words in the Report of the Committee " the latter to receive in addition thereto Four hundred Dollars per annum for or in lieu of Clerk hire." be stricken out, for the purpose of introducing a Resolution that a Clerk be appointed by this Board to be employed in the office of the Comptroller at a Salary of Dollars per annum—The question being taken [59] on striking out said words in the Report, and a division having been called by Alderman Coles, it passed in the negative as follows,

Negative—11—Mr Recorder Aldn Holmes, Smith, McQueen, Buckmaster, Thorp. Munson Messrs Stone, Taylor, Schieffelin, Allen

Affirmative—6—Aldn Coles Brackett Mr Jones Stevens Van Amringe Remmey

On motion of Alderman Smith, Resolved that so much of the Ordinance relative to Sales at Auction, as prohibits the placing of Goods in Wall Street before Nine. O. clock in the morning be Suspended till the further direction of the Board

Mr Akerley presented the following Resolution, Resolved that the City Treasurer be directed to furnish from the Returns of the Collectors of the several Wards of the City of New York a list of Delinquents in paying Taxes assessed upon real Estate, in order that a special Collector may be appointed to obtain the same by calling on the Owners of Property so assessed, or by taking any other steps to collect such arrearages that the laws in such case made and provided will warrant [60] which was agreed to

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution, Whereas the President of the United States* is shortly expected in this City on his Tour through the No[r]thern and Eastern States, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take measures on behalf of this Corporation to pay suitable marks of attention to his Excellency on his arrival in this City—which was approved, and the following Committee was appointed Aldn Smith. Brackett. Mr Schieffelin. Stevens. Akerley.

Ordered that the following constitute the Committee on the subject of the †Petition for extending the term of the lease of Grand Street Ferry, and that they report as soon as convenient Aldn Munson Burtis Coles Mr Akerley Vn Amringe

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favour of Lancaster. S. Burling for Three Thousand [61] Dollars for the redemption of Corporation small bills of credit.

The Comptroller reported,

Cash in the Treasury 19th Inst	22.70
Received for Vendue Sales	40.867.28
" " Common Schools	5.532. 6
" " Streets	2.678.80
" " Excise	2200.
" " Tavern Licenses	1607. 5
" " Docks & Slips. W. Johnson's Comp[r]omise	1938. 5
" " 2nd Ward Tax	1000.
" " 4th " "	654.56
" " 6th " "	1000.
	57.500.50

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts,

Geo. Cuming. City Inspr	1 Qr	Salary, 28th May	312.50
Wm S. Smith. Collr Revenues—	1 Qr	Ditto. 22d "	200.
G. N. Bleecker. Comptr	1 Qr	Ditto. 15th "	500.
Thos Franklin. Chief Engr	1 "	" 18th "	200.

* Marginal note reads *His Excelly James Monroe.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Vol. 32. page 111. &c &c*—Ed.

Jacob. P. Roome Superᵗ Repairs	1 Qʳ Salary, 14th May	225.
Abᵐ Brevoort—Inspʳ Bread—	1 " " 21st "	100.
Jaˢ Warner—Specˡ Justice	1 " " 26th "	245.22
Jaˢ Hopson— Ditto	1 " " " "	245.22
Josiah Hedden Ditto	1 " " " "	245.22
Bernard Oblenes Clerk Police office	1 " " " "	250.
[62] R. Stephens—Asstᵗ Clerk Police office	1 Qʳ Salary 26th May	200.
Jacob Hays for Police officers extra services	1 Qʳ " "	134.16
Benjⁿ Demilt—Regulatᵍ Public Clocks 23 Dec 1816		208.33
Benjⁿ Crane—Stationary—10th Janʸ to 2ᵈ May		178.53
Luke Persiary—Takᵍ care Mud Machines. 15 Mosᵉ & 10 Dˢ		153.33
J. McComb—Stᵗ Comʳ for Commissⁿʳ's & Atty's fees, & Court charges —openᵍ & widenᵍ sundry Streets		2855.99
Joseph. D. Smith—Award for openᵍ Hudson Stᵗ		2084.30
David Van Orden " " " "		830.46
Daniel Smith " " " "		549.82
Jabez Thompson—Damages awarded Thᵒˢ Nash opening North Street		750.
Noah Scovill—Award for Cliff Street		299.98
J. McComb. Stᵗ Com. to pay Jane Reed & others Balcᵉ of Award for Fulton Street		875.80
Abᵐ Stagg Balcᵉ regulatᵍ & pavᵍ Sixth Stᵗ		407. 3
Tho. & Geo. Lovett accᵗ buildᵍ Drain Pearl Stᵗ		400.
Stephⁿ Baxter accᵗ filling Lots at Collect		300.
Richᵈ Moran paving at Burling Slip		21.85
Robᵗ Latimer Accᵗ makᵍ Eighth Avenue		2000.
Richᵈ Furman—to pay work for Third "		2000.
Ditto for New Alms House		4000.
Ditto " Alms House		10.000.
Jacob. P. Roome Superintendᵗ Repairs to pay Workmen		1700.
Ditto for Paintᵍ & Glazᵍ Lamps		1000.
Ditto " Engine Houses		1000.
[63] W. Fish—Treasʳ to pay 19th Divᵈ City Stock 1ˢ Instᵗ		10.500.44
		$44.972.74
Balance		$12.527.76

Board adjourned to meet on Monday—4. O. clock

[64] In Common Council June 2nd 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jos W. Brackett.	Saml Jones Junr
Anthy L. Underhill.	Saml Stevens.
Eldad Holmes.	Wm Van Amringe.
Thomas. R. Smith.	William Stone.
Robert McQueen	John Remmey.
George Buckmaster.	Saml Akerley.
Arthur Burtis.	Jacob. B. Taylor.
George. B. Thorp.	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Clement Moore and Samuel Boyd stating that they have been heavily assessed for opening the Ninth Avenue; that though the ground is laid open, it has not been worked which is of very serious injury to them and their Neighbours, and praying that the same may be immediately worked, which was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner

[65] A Petition of Mordecai Myers, L. Seaman & Co, and Samuel Paxton & Co praying an alteration of the Auction Law so as to permit them to sell Articles before their door as they have been heretofore authorized to do, which was read and referred to the Committee on Streets; and in the mean time until the Committee shall report on that Subject, that Persons who have hired situations where they have heretofore been authorized to sell, be allowed to continue such Sales

A further communication was, received from John Ireland stating that it had been agreed between him and Hezekiah. H. Baldwin that the sum of Eleven hundred and forty Dollars of the amount awarded by the Commissioners should be paid to him, and that therefore the Balance of Four hundred and eighty seven Dollars and twelve cents might be paid to the said Hezekiah. H. Baldwin, which being read, was referred to the Street Commissioner and Counsel

A request of T. Gibson and M. Davis to transfer Lease of Cellar No 1. Washington Market was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth [66] Ward that William Brady might be appointed a Weigher of Hay in said Ward, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward to report

A Petition of Agnes Lovell Widow of Benjn Lovell deceased, praying that Stall No 18 in Catharine Market lately held by her hus-

band may be granted to her, was read and granted for the term of one year only, and then to revert to the Corporation

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward for the attendance of a Peace officer to suppress the disorderly conduct of Persons in said Ward on Sunday, was read and referred to the Committee on the Sunday law

Petitions of Joseph Perigo and John Barker (Minors) for Licences as Cartmen, were read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Henry. A. Quin to be appointed Clerk to the Comptroller was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Benjamin Clark to be appointed [67] to some office under the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of John Hyde for a Stall in the Fly Market: of Blaze Ten Broeck for Stall N° 4 in said Market: of Solomon Dean for Stall N° 43 in Catherine Market, and a Petition from Simon Van Antwerp Jun^{r} for appointment of Deputy Clerk of Washington Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Asher Davenport for a Permit to sell Meat by the quarter in the lower Fly Market, was read and referred to the same Committee with authority to grant, if not contrary to the Market law

A Petition of John Lowere for remission of Fine under the Fire law was read, and ordered that it be referred to the Attorney, and that in the mean time all proceedings be suspended on payment of the costs

Petitions of Asa Wesson and John Fink for Stall in Catharine Market lately held by Benjamin Lovell deceased were read, and leave given Petitioners to withdraw their Petitions

[68] Petitions from John De Witt and William Jackson for remission of Penalty incurred by trotting their horses in the Streets beyond the speed allowed by law were read, and leave given Petitioners to withdraw their Petitions

A Petition of Hugh Gallagher for remission of fine incurred by taking a load of earth out of Thirteenth Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Eighth Ward, and in mean time all proceedings to be staid

A Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms-House stating the necessity of having a Building erected for the purpose of a Stable for the keeping of the Hearse, &c, was read and referred to the Committee on the Alms-House and Superintendant of Repairs to report

A Petition of Stephen M^{c}Cormick Keeper of the Park praying

permission to rent Booths around the Park and offering as a consideration therefor one quarter's Salary as Keeper of the Park; and a similar Petition from Amos Bacon for permission to rent Booths on Fourth of July next at the Battery, Bowling Green, and Park, and [69] offering therefor a certain compensation, were read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

A Communication was received from Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House, stating that to his surprise an opinion had been entertained that his Family had been supplied with necessaries at the Public expense, which was wholly unfounded, and praying the subject to be referred to a Committee for investigation, which being read, was referred to the Committee on the Alms House

A communication was received from Peter. R. Livingston Esq^{r} giving his consent to the Corporation's building a Bulkhead and filling in the ground opposite his Lot between Beekman Slip and Crane Wharf, and engaging if the property should not be taken for public purposes to pay whatever Sums may have been expended on said improvement: which being read, said offer was accepted, and the Street Commissioner was directed to pursue the necessary measures for filling in said Lot, and sinking the Bulkhead.*

A Memorial of the Stockholders of the Williamsburgh [70] Turnpike Road and Bridge Company was received, stating that they have spent large Sums in constructing a Road and Bridge from Williamsburgh to Jamaica, to which they were induced by the establishment of a Ferry at the foot of Delancy Street, and under the expectation that none would be erected in the vicinity: that the said Ferry has not been properly kept, and praying that the Proprietors of said Ferry may be compelled to run two Steam or Team Boats, but that the Ferry may be continued at said place, and none other authorized; which being read, was referred to the Counsel

A Petition of Ezra Ludlow for permission to construct a vault corner of Pearl and Whitehall Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

The Street Commissioner stated that D^{r} Watts had requested permission that the sink on the rear of his Lot which is taken to widen Bridge Street might remain, it being but Three feet in the Street; which being read, was ordered that no such permission be granted

[71] An offer of Jacob Lewis made some time since to sell to the Corporation a Lot of Land on Long Island opposite Horne's Hook Ferry was now referred to the Ferry Committee

* Marginal note reads *See page 20—S^{t} Com^{rs} Report.*—ED.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Fire Engine Comp.

John Thompson—Copper Smith—209 Front S^{t}—2^{d} Ward vice Lambert Cole—Resigned

Epenetus Videte—Blockmaker—2 Pike S^{t}— 7th " vice Walter Anderson—Resigned

Fire. Eng. Comp. N^{o} 18.

James Lowry—Accountant—140 Front S^{t}—2^{d} Ward vice Charles Willetts—Resigned

Stephen Lester—Tailor—27 Frankfort S^{t}—4^{h} " vice Samuel. M. Blatchford—Resigned

Fire. Eng. Comp. N^{o} 21.

Aug. R. Cornwall—Merch^{t}—17 Fulton S^{t}—2^{d} Ward vice Samuel Dunham—left City

Charles Howell—Accomp^{t}—202 Front S^{t}—2^{d} " vice James Dougherty—left city

Thomas. B. Rich—Merch^{t}—148 Reed S^{t}—3^{d} " to fill vacancy

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances on the Premises of the Persons [72] following, which were passed,

M^{rs} Ann Bancker W^{m} B. Crosby	Owner Agent	N^{o} 66	Henry	S^{t}	Privy
M^{rs} Ann Bancker W^{m} B. Crosby	Owner Agent	68	"	"	"
M^{rs} Ann Bancker W^{m} B. Crosby	Owner Agent	131	"	"	"
M^{rs} Ann Bancker W^{m} B. Crosby	Owner Agent	133	"	"	"
C. M^{c}Gary	Owner & Occp^{t}	5	Jefferson	S^{t}	"
J. M^{c}Lean R. Downing	" Occp^{t}	25	Oliver	"	"
A. Campbell	Owner & Occp^{t}	161	Duane	"	"
Sam^{l} Jones Jun^{r} C. Tredwell David Sisco	" Occpt^{s}	103	Mulberry	"	"
N. Quackenboss C. Dickinson E. Benedict	Owner Agent Occp^{t}	21	Nassau	"	"

O. Lewth	Lessee	Neilson's Alley	Privy
R. Titus	Occp^{t}		
Ja^{s} Vincent		Broadway	"
M^{r} Franklin	Owner	355 Water S^{t}	Lot
R. Leggett	Agent		
T. Foote	Erecutor		
Marg^{t} M^{c}Combs alias Parsons Executrix to Estate of late Jn^{o} M^{c}Combs Dec^{d}		N^{o} 5 Republican Alley	Privy
Alexander M^{c}Coy —	Occp^{t}		
[73] Storms	Agent & Occp^{t}	72 N. Moore S^{t}	"
John. B. Murray	Owner & "	129 Chambers "	"

(Sign'd) George Cuming City Insp^{r}

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving parts of Mulberry, Orange, & Cross Streets, which was passed, and Jacob. C. Mott, John Brower, and James. H. Guion were appointed Assessors

The Comptroller on the Petition of William. S. Smith for leave to assign lease to John Park for Lot N^{o} 4. Peck Slip, reported in favour of Petitioner, which was approved and leave given him to transfer the same

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the Subject of allowances made to the Deputy Clerks of the several Markets, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the Accounts of Alpheus Sherman Attorney of the Board,

The Accounts of Alpheus Sherman Esq^{r} Attorney of the Corporation have been examined by the Comptroller, by which it appears, that [74] from the time of his appointment on the Twenty Seventh of May 1816 to the First of May 1817, he has received for Fines.....		$1915.40
Paid Informers	204.19	
" Courts Costs	86.30	
" Attorneys charges	1546.12	1836.61
leaving a Balance of.....		$78.79

in favour of the Corporation, which was paid into the Treasury on the 31st May

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}

which was directed to be filed

The Counsel presented a Lease to John, Robert, and Samuel Swartout for Ferries from Spring Street and Murray Street to Hoboken, which were laid for consideration

He also presented a Grant to Henry Rutgers for Water Lot between Rutger's Slip and Clinton Street, which was directed to be duly executed

He also presented a Lease to George Strite for Lots Nos 37. 42. and 43. of the Common Lands which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel and Attorney on the Petition of Robert Bogardus and Silvanus. F. Miller for [75] payment of a part of the sum awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on opening Hudson Street to John Blauvelt and others, presented a Report, which was laid for consideration

The Counsel also presented the draft of an assignment of a Lease from George Van Brunt to Lewis Barkalo, which was directed to be engrossed and executed

The Counsel, to whom was referred an agreement between Henry Rutgers and others relative to the widening of Harman Street, presented the following,

That the agreement submitted to the Common Council by the above named Persons, makes no provision for relinquishing the claims for dower, but is however in other respects, in the opinion of the Counsel, satisfactory. He would respectfully recommend that. the order which may be made for widening Harman Street, should be upon condition that the agreement shall be carried into effect to the satisfaction of the Street Commissioner and the Counsel of the Board, and that any claims for dower which may exist against the property shall be [76] relinquished

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

which was approved

The Report of the Committee on opening Harman Street was called up and the further consideration postponed

The Committee on Wharves &c on the proposal of Higgins and Parks, reported,

That they have taken into consideration the application of Higgins and Parks to fill up by contract at Ten cents per Load, that part of the Water Lots beginning at Crane Wharf and extending west towards Fulton Street until it meets the line of Samuel Jackson's water right—It will be recollected that the Proprietors of said Water Lots have assented that the Corporation should sink a Bulkhead and fill them up agreeably to a Resolution of this Board, and charge the Owners with the expense—The Street Commissioner has accordingly contracted to have the Bulkhead completed as soon as possible—Your

Committee have also consulted with the Street Commissioner on the Proposals offerred by Messrs Higgins and Parks for this contract, and taking into view [77] the urgency of having the earth removed out of Cliff Street, and they reserving for the use of the Corporation all the Curb, Gutter, and Paving Stone

The Street Commissioner joins with your Committee, who recommend that Higgins and Parks have the Contract to fill up said Water Lots as aforesaid, and that the Street Commissioner be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to carry the same into effect

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes.

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Comptroller, reported,

That in the performance of the duty assigned them, they have compared the Books of the Comptroller with his vouchers and estimated the items composing the aggregate amounts of the several debits and credits in his report to the Board, and find them correct in every particular, and that on the Twelfth day of May 1817 there remained in the Treasury a Balance of Eleven Thousand and Sixty three Dollars and ninety four cents—The Committee beg leave [78] further to state, that the Comptroller has laid before them a general exhibit of the method adopted by his Predecessors in keeping the Books belonging to that Department, together with the improvements introduced by himself and now in operation, and they have no hesitation in saying that, in their opinion, the concerns of the office are, and will be conducted by the present Incumbent in a manner calculated to satisfy every reasonable expectation—On the whole, after the most rigid and persevering scrutiny, it is with great satisfaction to themselves, and they trust to the Board, that they are enabled to give their united testimony in favour of the correctness, probity, and industry of the present Comptroller

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" Wm F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerley

which was approved, and the said Report was directed to be published

The Lamp Committee, to whom the proposals of Edward. C. Genet and Thomas Hazard Junr for lighting the City were referred, reported,

Mr Genet is engaged in "the rectification of Fish oil of all sorts, and the fabrication [79] of Astral and Parabolic Lamps" He offers to sell his oil to the Corporation for the supply of the public Lamps, and furnish reflectors, or to contract for the management of the Lamp Department

Mr Hazard also proposes to supply for one year Sperm-oil for the public lamps at Sixty five cents per gallon for Summer strained, and ninety cents for winter strained. Mr H. is engaged in the Whale fishery, and has "established a manufactory of Spermaceti in this City." These gentlemen are actively employed in these different branches of manufactures, and are highly deserving of encouragement, but your Committee do not think it proper under present circumstances to adopt their plan, for the best and most obvious reason that could be produced, to wit, that the Corporation have on hand a quantity of good oil, sufficient for the supply of a great portion of the year, and it can now be procured at a less price than the one proposed for the Contract—The expense of the Lamp Department for the last year amounted to $28.496. but the price at which oil has been purchased and the prospect of it's being still lower, will in all probability, reduce the expense of this Department for the present year to about 20.000 Dollars although nearly Two hundred Lamps have been [80] added during the last year—With respect to the quantity not yet purchased for the remaining part of the year, your Committee are averse to have the Corporation bound to any Individual: they therefore recommend that no contract be entered into for the present for a supply of oil to light the public Lamps.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerley
" Wm F. Van Amringe

which was approved

The Committee, to whom was referred the complaint against Patrick Barron City Weigher reported, that in their opinion, it was too trivial and ill founded to meet the notice or intervention of the Board, which was approved

The Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Ferry at Grand Street, presented a Report, which was directed to be referred to the Counsel for his opinion whether the Corporation were restrained by any agreement from extending the lease as proposed by said Reports.

A Member stated that the Vestry of St George's [81] Church were desirous that the Engine house erected on their ground in Cliff

Street should be removed, whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The Petition of Henry Simmons was called up, and after some discussion, leave was given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

The Petition of Charles Udall for appointment of Measurer was called up, and negatived

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of the Heirs of Thomas Buchanan deceased, reported, That he has caused a survey and plan of all the grounds from Pike Slip to Rutgers Slip to be made (and which is herewith presented) by which it will appear that as the grounds are held by possession giving to each Proprietor their full complement, the Store belonging to the Heirs of Thomas Buchanan is placed right on the Slip, and encroaches 4′ 6″ on Cherry Street—The undersigned respectfully recommends that the conditions proposed by the Petitioners be acceded to as it respects their front on the Slip, inasmuch as they are not bound by any condition in their grant to make a Street in front of their Property, and which cannot be made at an expense of less than Eight Thousand Dollars

(Signd) R. Graves
Ass^{t} S^{t} Com^{r}

which was approved, and the Counsel directed to prepare [82] a Grant agreeably thereto

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution directing a part of the grounds in the rear of the City Hall commencing at Warren Street and extending to Chambers Street and along Chambers Street to the line of the Museum to be enclosed within an iron rail fence, which was referred to the Committee of Repairs to report

Ordered that the proposal of the Street Commissioner for regulating Collect and Canal Streets be the order of the day for the next Meeting of the Board

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be directed to take the levels of the North and East Rivers at the mouth of Canal Street and at the foot of Rutgers Street, and report with all convenient speed

Resolved that Benjamin Westervelt, Henry Ryer, and Samuel Thorn be and they hereby are appointed Measurers of Lime

Resolved that William Allen be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Wood for the [83] Seventh Inspection District

Resolved that John Yonge be removed from the Tenth to the Eighth Wood Inspection District

Resolved that John Smith be appointed Inspector of Wood for the

Ninth Inspection District, and Resolved that the Ninth and Tenth Districts be united, and the duties be performed by the Inspectors of those Districts conjointly, and the fees thereof equally divided between them

This being the period according to law for the appointment of Commissioners of School Money, the following Persons were appointed

Peter H. Wendover — Augustus Wright
Francis Cooper — Abm Russell
Roger Strong.

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 26th May	12.527.76
Deduct Warrant ordered at Board to L. S. Burling	3.000.
	9.527.76
Received for Tavern Licenses	2695.15
" " Tax	1032. 1
" " Streets	1000.
" " Canal Street	600.
[84]" " Mayoralty fees	210.37
" " Penalties from Attorney	78.79
	15.144. 8

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts,

Norris & Anderson Watch	1126.75
Walton & Hibberd "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower "	413.
Wm J. Waldron Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1 June	54.
Obadiah Ayres " " "	54.
George Mills " " "	54.
Benjamin Hicks " " "	54.
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspr " "	54.
Jonathan Weeden " " "	54.
John Smith " 17 Days "	34.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 Mo "	60.
Daniel. H. Magee Keeper Potter's field " "	46.50
Ogden Edwards Counsel 1 Quartr Salary 27th May & drawg Sundry Laws	216.
B. Skaats—1 Quartr Salary & Expenses of Hall & Corporation—24th May	285.67
Geo. Snethen. Superintendg & lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 June	612.28
Wm W. Gilbert—Balce Award openg Hudson St	2189.74
Samuel Harriott " " "	1094.88
Thos & Geo. Lovett Balce Contract fillg New Albany Basin	2372.50

N. G. Ingraham 2/5ths award for Cliff Street	391.94
Richard Lawrence " " Hudson "	353.52
[85] Lewis & Hall, advertisg Lots for St Commissnr	196.
N. Philips " " "	196.
J. McComb St Comr for Appraisers of Buildgs Cliff St	45.
Cæsar Neilson—removg Nuisance c. Mott St	10.
Thos Barnum—Superintendg Pier Dey St 76 Dys	152.
John. T. Irving & Jno Nitchie Loan Officers 2 years Int on Lots bot by St Comr 15 Apl due May	880.63
Isaac Heyer..Int. & Principal of Bond	659.90
Richard Furman. Superintendt Alms House	2800.
	15.142.81
Balance	$1.27

Board adjourned

[86] Called by request in anticipation of the regular Meeting

In Common Council June 7th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor—President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Anthony L. Underhill.	Samuel Stevens.
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip.
Thomas R. Smith.	Wm F. Vn Amringe.
Robert McQueen.	Samuel Akerley.
George Buckmaster.	Jacob. B. Taylor.
Arthur Burtis.	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp.	
Reuben Munson.	

His Honour the Mayor stated to the Board that in consequence of the expected arrival of the President of the United States* in the beginning of the next week, it was thought expedient to summon the Board for this day to transact such business as might require immediate attention, to leave the Board at leisure on the day for the ensuing regular meeting

A Petition from the Purchasers of the ground on [87] which the Government House formerly stood, requesting the Block of Houses thereon erected might be named and the Houses numbered, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands

The Street Commissioner's Report for regulating Collect and Canal Streets, which was made the order of the day for this meeting, was taken up, and after some consideration, was referred to the Canal Committee

* Marginal note reads *James Monroe.*—Ed.

A Petition of the Trustees of the French Benevolent Society for the usual pecuniary aid afforded to them by the Corporation, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity to report

The Comptroller stated that he had examined the Accounts of B. Skaats for fuel purchased with the vouchers, and that there appears a Balance due from B. Skaats of Forty six Dollars and eighty seven cents, which was carried to a new Account—which was directed to be filed

The Comptroller presented a communication recommending that application be made to the Legislature to amend the Law respecting the excise in the City, so as that the Excise Officer shall [88] be directed to pay over to the Chamberlain of the City weekly all monies which he shall receive in the Month of May, and during the rest of the year Monthly; and also recommending that some more speedy method of compelling payment of debts due the Corporation may be devised than the one now practised: which was referred to the Counsel of the Board and Comptroller to report

The Comptroller on the Petition of Gibson and Davis for permission to transfer the Lease of Cellar N° 1. under Washington Market, reported in favour of Petitioners, which was referred to the Counsel and Comptroller as to the right of the Corporation to annex other conditions to the transfer than those contained in the original lease

The Comptroller on the Petition of Eliza Underhill reported in favour of granting on same terms as were given in January Eighteen hundred and four viz. Eight Shillings per foot on the walk of her Lot which is twenty five feet on Front, and the same on South Street, with the usual conditions, and she to pay Rent from that time until first of May last for a Water grant from First [89] Street to the river in front of her Lot between Crane Wharf and Peck Slip: which was approved, and a grant directed to be reported agreeably thereto

The City Inspector reported ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the Persons following, which were passed,

Jn° B. Murray Ja^{s} Butler	Owner Occp^{t}	N° 54 Warren S^{t}	Privy
Ja^{s} Wilbur W^{m} Moore	Owner Occp^{t}	223 Church "	"
Peter Jay Munro	Owner	Broadway	"

(Signed) George Cuming
City Insp^{r}

The City Inspector presented a communication on the Subject of a nuisance at Batavia Lane, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner, with authority to remove the nuisance

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of John Ireland reported,

That, as Mr Baldwin has agreed to receive the amount of his award in the manner described, there can be no objections to the Warrants being made out in that proportion [90] as Mr Baldwin will give a

(Sign'd) Jno McComb

receipt for the whole

St Comr

which was approved, and Warrants directed to be reported agreeably thereto

A Remonstrance against the continuance of the Hackney Stands was read and referred to the Committee on Police

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of the disposition of Grounds formerly occupied as Roads, which was directed to be referred to the Road Committee

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of opening Anthony Street through to that part of said Street, which was formerly Little Water Street, and of widening the same, which was referred to the Street Committee

A Communication from John. C. Morrison part Owner of the Ground taken to open Hudson Street and assessed in the name of Hezekiah H. Baldwin, signifying his assent to the money being paid over to Mr John Ireland agreeable to [91] the arrangement between Mr Ireland and Mr Baldwin, was read and ordered to be filed

A Memorial of the Executors of Peter P. Van Zandt deceased, requesting an extension of time for erecting a Bulkhead between Warren and Chambers Streets, and a similar Request from Matthias. B. Tallmadge respecting Bulkhead between Murray and Warren Streets, were read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, &c.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the application for the purchase of certain Gores of Land in Hudson Street, reported that in their opinion it would be more proper that the same should be disposed of at public auction, and that the Corporation should advertise the same for sale on Monday the Sixteenth Instant; which was approved

The Street Committee on the Petition of Leonard Seaman & Co reported unfavourably to the prayer of the Petitioners, which was

disagreed to, and it was Resolved that permission be given them to continue their Sales of Furniture as heretofore until the first day of May next

[92] The Street Committee on the Petition of sundry Auctioneers reported the following Resolutions,

Resolved that so much of the ordinance relating to Sales at Auction, as prohibits the placing of Goods in any Street, Road, Lane, Highway, or Public place in the City of New York before Nine. O.Clock in the Morning be suspended as it relates to the Coffee House Slip and it's vicinity 'till the further orders of the Board

Resolved further, that in addition to the Privileges given to Auctioneers in the second section of said Ordinance of occupying one third part in width of the Cartway, the same privilege be extended to one third part of the side walk, and that part to be next and adjoining the Curb or Gutter Stone

Resolved further, that whereas the Third Section of said ordinance designating particular places as public Markets for Sales of Furniture, the same privilege be extended to the West side of the Coffee House Slip between Water and Front Streets, permission being hereby given to sell the same as in case of other goods, and under the same Restrictions

(Signed) Eldad Holmes.
Leonard Kip.

[93] which said Resolutions were agreed to

The Committee on the Petition of B. Clinton and L. Carrigan for permission to sell fruit opposite S^{t} Paul's Church, reported against the prayer of the Petitioners as granting the same would be setting an improper Precedent; which Report was approved

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for opening and re-building a part of the common Sewer in Peck Slip, which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

Alderman Smith presented the following Resolutions,

Information being received that the President of the United States (James Monroe) will arrive in this city in the course of a few days, and the Common Council feeling themselves called on by a sense of duty to pay every respect to the exalted station, which he fills, and being also desirous of testifying the high sense they entertain of his private and public worth, therefore

Resolved that on the President's arrival in this city, the Common Council will [94] assemble in their Chamber, and with their proper Officers will wait on his Excellency at such time as he shall appoint —That his Honor, the Mayor be requested then, on behalf of this Corporation and of the Citizens in general to tender him our congratulations on his arrival; to testify to him the high respect which the Citizens of this place entertain for his public and private virtues, and to express to him, as our sincere and ardent wish, that a gracious Providence may make him it's peculiar care, and to it's other blessings, may add that of witnessing the encreasing happiness and prosperity of our beloved Country

Resolved, that his Excellency be requested to honour this Corporation by sitting for his Portrait, to be placed in the Gallery of Portraits belonging to this Common Council

Resolved that his Excellency be respectfully invited to partake of a public dinner, to be provided under the direction of the Committee of Arrangement

which were agreed to unanimously

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution directing a Committee to enquire what amendments could be made to the Law respecting [95] the Sealers of Weights, Measures, and Beams, to remedy inconveniences which are complained of, which was agreed to, and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution directing the Auction Law to be so amended as to extend the privilege of selling Furniture under the usual restrictions to that space included between Fletcher Street and Gouverneur's Lane in Water Street, which was referred to the Street Committee; and until the amendment is reported, it was Resolved that Auctioneers have liberty to sell at said place

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 2d Inst	1.27
Received for Rents	3935.45
" " Excise	700.
" " Streets	700.
" " Tax...3rd Ward	167.
	5503.72

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for the payment of the following Accounts.

R. Graves..Asst St Comr 1 Qr Saly 1s May	375.
David. P. Haring...Award for Hudson St	1082.50

John Anderson...accot Contract Pier Dey St	2000.
[96] Lancaster. S. Burling—redemptn Bills credit	2000.
	5457.50
Balance	$46.22

Adjourned to meet on Sixteenth Instant, at Four. O.Clock

[97] In Common Council June 11th 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor, President.
and the
Members of the Common Council

In consequence of the expected arrival in this City of his Excellency James Munroe President of the United States, the Common Council assembled for the purpose of presenting to him their respectful congratulations agreeably to former Resolutions

Alderman Smith Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements attended the Common Council and informed them, That the Committee, together with Major Generals Morton and Mapes of the Militia had, agreeably to former arrangements this morning waited upon the President of the U. States at the residence of his Excellency the Vice President of the United States at Staten Island, and had accompanied him to the City—That the President escorted by the Brigade of Artillery had arrived at the City Hall, and that the Committee had introduced him into the room assigned for his use by the Committee of Arrangements, where his Excellency [98] now waited to receive the Members of the Common Council

Whereupon, his Honor the Mayor accompanied by the Members of the Common Council and attended by the officers of the Corporation proceeded to the apartment occupied by the President, and were severally introduced to his Excellency by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements—After the ceremony of introduction, his Honor the Mayor in behalf of the Common Council presented to him the following address,

Sir,

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York beg leave to present to you their sincere congratulations on your arrival in this city

It is with pride and pleasure that they see amongst them the Chief Magistrate of the Nation, in the capacity of a private Citizen, reposing

himself, with just confidence, on the affections of a generous People, and they are happy to embrace this opportunity, in behalf of themselves and their fellow Citizens, to express to him the high sense they entertain of his private virtues and public services

Called by the voice of a Nation of [99] Freemen to the first office in their power to bestow, you can possess no higher evidence of their approbation of your past conduct, and of their confidence in the able and faithful discharge of the important duties assigned to your present station. Nothing can add to the force of this testimony, founded, as it is, with uncommon unanimity on the sense of a free and enlightened People

We learn, with great satisfaction, that your present tour is connected with the object of carrying into effect the measures of general defence proposed by the Congress of the United States, and that you have deemed them of sufficient importance to merit your personal attention—On this subject, permit us to say, that our Citizens feel a deep and lively interest—This State, from it's local situation and extensive frontier, is peculiarly subject to become the theatre of war; and the City of New York, while it affords the strongest temptation, is much exposed from it's natural position to the attempts of a foreign enemy; although, in the late contest it has not actually been assailed, we presume it may, without arrogance, be said, that the extraordinary and spirited exertions of our Citizens, powerfully supported by the patriotic efforts of the people of this and a neighbouring State [100] taught the enemy to beleive that such an attempt could not be made with impunity—The wisdom of our Government is displayed in the measures now undertaken to provide, in time of peace, the security required in war and we feel the highest confidence, that under your auspices, that security will be afforded for every future emergency—The present happy condition of our Country in general demands our highest gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of events, and opens to our view great and interesting prospects—In a state of profound peace, after a conflict, in which the rights of the nation have been vindicated, and the honour of the American name been exalted, we see a great people united amongst themselves—devoted to a Government of their choice—possessing a Country as fertile as it is extensive—evincing a spirit of enterprize in the various employments of agriculture, commerce, and manufactures—ardent in the pursuit of science and in cultivating the arts which adorn civilized society, and advancing in population, power, and wealth, with a rapidity hitherto unexampled—The destinies of such a People, with the blessings of

Providence, cannot be anticipated, and defy calculation [101] It is your happiness, Sir, to have commenced your administration at a period thus propitious and interesting; and we have no doubt it will be your great ambition to bestow on those important objects all the patronage in your power, and justify the high expectations which have been formed

That the pleasing prospects we have indulged may be happily realized, and that your administration may, in all respects, effectually promote the best interests of the United States; and that you may long live to witness the prosperity of your Country, and enjoy the esteem of a virtuous people, is the ardent wish of those on whose behalf I have the honour to address you

In behalf of the Corporation of this City, I have the honour to be, with sentiments of the highest esteem,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. Radcliff.

to which the President made the following reply,

Fellow Citizens,

In performing a duty enjoined on me by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, I cannot express the satisfaction [102] which I derive from the intercourse, to which it leads, with so many of my fellow Citizens and from the opportunity it affords, to behold in person, the blessings which an all Gracious Providence has extended to them

In executing the laws, which Congress have wisely adopted for the national defence, the Atlantic and Inland Frontier of this State, by their exposed situation, are entitled to particular attention—I am aware too, that this populous and flourishing City presents in time of war a strong temptation to the cupidity of an invading foe. It is in the spirit of the laws, which I am called to execute; it is in the spirit of the People whom I represent, to provide amply for the security of every part, according to the danger to which it is exposed, In performing this duty, I shall endeavour to be their faithful organ

The present prosperous condition of our Country, is, as you justly observe, the best proof of the excellence of our Institutions, and of the wisdom with which they have been administered—It affords too, a solid ground on which to indulge the most favourable anticipations as to the future—An enlightened People, educated in the principles of [103] liberty, and blessed with a free Government; bold, vigorous, and enterprizing in the pursuit of every just and honourable attain-

ment; united by the strong ties of a common origin, of interest, and affection; possessed of a vast and fertile Territory; improving in Agriculture, in the Arts, and Manufactures; extending their commerce to every sea; already powerful, and rapidly encreasing in population, have every inducement and every means, whereby to perpetuate these blessings to the latest Posterity

The honourable termination of the late war, whereby the rights of the Nation were vindicated, should not lull us into repose; the events attending it, shew our vulnerable points, and it is in time of peace, that we ought to provide by strong works, for their defence—The gallantry and good conduct of our Army, Navy, and Militia, and the patriotism of our Citizens generally so conspicuously displayed in that war may always be relied on—Aided by such works, our frontiers will be impregnable

Devoted to the principles of our Government from my earliest youth, and satisfied that the great blessings we enjoy, are, under Divine Providence, imputable to that great [104] cause, it will be the object of my constant and zealous efforts to give to those principles their best effect—Should I, by these efforts, contribute in any degree to the happiness of my fellow Citizens, I shall derive from it, the highest gratification, of which my mind is susceptible

James Monroe

After some time spent in the apartment of the President, the Common Council returned to their chamber, and the Board was again formed

The Board was informed by the Committee of Arrangements that they had procured elegant apartments for the President, at the Hotel in Wall Street kept by Mr Gibson, and that they had appropriated the Picture Room in the Hall for his use, to receive the visits of those Citizens who should wish to pay their respects to him, and that in honor of his arrival, they had also directed the City Hall to be illuminated this evening, all which was approved

Upon motion, it was ordered, that the address of his Honor the Mayor to the President, and the President's reply be published

The Board then adjourned

[105] In Common Council June 16th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles.	Saml Jones Junr
Jos W. Brackett.	Saml Stevens.
Anty L. Underhill.	Leonard Kip.
Eldad Holmes.	William Stone.
Thomas. R. Smith.	John Remmey.
George Buckmaster.	Saml Akerley.
Arthur Burtis.	Jacob. B. Taylor.
George. B. Thorp.	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Martin. C. Ramsey for some assistance was read and referred to the Commissioner of the Alms House

A Petition of James. G. Reynolds, for permission to remove his house from Reed Street to the upper end of Chapel Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward [106] and Street Commissioner with power to grant, provided the House is moved out of the Fire Limits

A Representation of D. Waldron and A. Somerville respecting William Lawrence one of the City Guagers, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Representation of Theodorus Bailey and E. Anderson praying a discontinuance of a Suit against them for encumbering the Street, and also praying permission to build a vault in the Street opposite their Lot—The former part of the Petition was laid for consideration, and leave was granted to build the vault, on the usual terms.

A Communication was received from the Historical Society on the subject of erecting a monument on the spot, where the Flag Bastion of Fort George formerly was, at which place, the Latitude of New York was first ascertained; and also of finding the Latitude of the City Hall, and designating the same by a Monument with proper inscriptions; which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

[107] A Communication from the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia on the subject of an improvement in the Boilers of Steam Boats was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences, and his Honor the Mayor was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the said communication

A Petition of George Pye for relief from penalty for firing a pistol

within the limits prescribed by law, was read and referred to the Attorney for a statement of facts

A Petition of Charles Day for relief from penalty incurred by removing dirt from the Streets, was read and referred to the Attorney for a statement of facts

An Application of George Scott in behalf of William West for payment of Account for weighing a sunken Vessel, was read and rejected

A Remonstrance of a number of Grocers against Persons being allowed to retail Sperm Oil through the Streets, was read and referred to Ald^{n} Burtis and Coles, and M^{r} Allen

[108] A Memorial of Thomas and George Lovett on the subject of the removal of the Building sand from the Custom House ground, which they state, ought to belong to them, and praying compensation, was read and laid on the table

Petitions from George Burtnell for Stall N^{o} 43. in Fly Market; George Ryerson N^{o} 4 N. Steele N^{o} 2—and John Chapple N^{o} 6 in said Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Esther Bird for the use of Stall N^{o} 22 in Fly Market lately occupied by her husband, deceased, was read and granted for the space of one year

A Petition of Owners of Property in Franklin Street for a Pump to be erected in said Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Michael Allison and Peter Allison for remission of fine incurred under the law respecting nuisances, was read and [109] referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Attorney to report

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Bridge Street, requesting the Houses in said Street may be numbered, and the name changed to that of Monroe Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Frederick Dibblee for remission of fine incurred for not filling Lot agreeably to Ordinance, was referred to the City Inspector to report

A Petition of John De Witt and William Jackson for remission of fines incurred for trotting their Horses within the City, was read and rejected

A Petition of Simon Van Antwerp, praying that an Assessment, which he had paid for filling Slip at foot of Vesey Street in the Year Eighteen Hundred and four, may be returned to him with Interest, was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

[110] A Petition of sundry Manufacturers and Retailers of Scale Beams, praying the Law requiring Scale Beams, Weights, &c to be sealed, may be repealed; was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Owners of Property between Pine and Wall Streets, praying that Water Street between said Streets may be raised &c, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of E. Tibbits and other Residents in Beaver Lane, suggesting the propriety of widening said Street and altering the name of the same to that of Monroe Street and a Communication from E. Tibbets and Archibald M^{c}Vickar on the same subject to the Street Commissioner, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Flanagan for appointment of Weigher of Hay for the Town of Haerlem, was read and granted

A Recommendation in favour of William Wravy for some employment under the Corporation [111] was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Representation from William Hoghland Keeper of the Penitentiary, requesting the Common Council to determine the rate at which his Salary will be fixed was read; and it was

Resolved that the Keeper of the Penitentiary receive as his Salary at the rate of One Thousand Dollars per annum, to commence from the time of his appointment

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisances on the Premises of the Persons following, which were passed,

John Struck	Owner & Occp^{t}	N^{o} 171	Duane S^{t}	A Privy	
Charles Stewart	" "	29	Murray	"	"
Sam^{l} Boyd	"	33	"	"	"
Lawrence	Owner	271	Water	"	"
J. Anthony	Occp^{t}				
E. W. King Esq.	Own^{r}	273	"	"	"
Mary Gordon	Occp^{t}				
Gerard Walton	Own^{r}	275	"	"	"
J. Bartlett	Occp^{t}				
Isaac Williams	Lessee.		Broome &		
D. O. Neill	Occp^{t}		Goerck	"	"
Barth^{w} Hart	Own^{r}		Harman	"	"
J. Van Benschoten	Occp^{t}				

[112] Frederick Seely	Own^{r} & Occp^{t}	88	James	S^{t}	A Privy
Elijah Pinckney	" "	38	Oak	"	"
Sarah Carr	" "	21	Bancker	"	Lot
Robert Thompson	Ag^{t}				
John. F. Cox	Owner		Broome	"	"
M^{rs} Mary Marx	"		"	"	"
Rob^{t} M. Livingston	"		Wooster	"	"
John. R. Murray	"	103	Chamber	"	"
Willis Clark	Occp^{t}				
John. K. Beekman	Owner		Wooster	"	"
Isaac Tomlinson	"	6	Fletcher	"	"
Van Schaick & Givan	Occp^{ts}				
Jehiel Jaggar Executor to the Estate of the late Julien Mathon			Spring	"	"
Lodowick Harpell	Owner		Elizabeth	"	"
William. W. Gilbert	"	10	Pump	"	"

(Signed) Geo. Cuming.
City Inspector.

An Invitation was received from Captain Evans to accompany the President of the United States to the Narrows in the Steam Frigate, which was accepted

An Account of the Receipts and Expenses of the Alms House together with a Certificate from the Commissioners of the Alms House of [113] the correctness of the same, was read and ordered to be filed

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies,

Fire Engine Comp. N^{o} 3

James Quick—Crockery Merch^{t}—61 Pearl S^{t} 1st Ward vice George. B. Miller—deceased

Joseph Isaacs—Merchant—Synagogue Alley 1st " vice James Clinch—joined N^{o} 39

W^{m} Sargeant—Cabinet Maker—Broad S^{t} 1st " vice Will^{m} Carlisle—c Frankfort & Chatham S^{t} joined N^{o} 39

Fire Engine Comp. N^{o} 4.

Augustus. C. Webb—Suspender Maker—19 Maiden Lane 2^{d} W^{d} vice Henry. W. Peckwell—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp N° 5.

George Vanderbilt—Accountant—192 Water St 2d Wd vice James Tool—Removed from N Y.

Stephen Stilwell—Accountant—226 Water St 2d Wd vice John. H. Crowler—Removd from N Y.

Fire Engine Comp. N° 11

Horace. S. Belden—Merchant—44 Front St 1 Wd vice Nathaniel Hillyer—Resigned

Daniel Hasbrook—Merchant—237 Pearl St 2 Wd vice Isaac Minard —Resigned

John Miller—Merchant—Stone St—1 Wd vice James Paterson—Resigned

[114] John Price—Carpenter—N° 74 Pump St—10th Ward vice Stephen Morgan—Resigned

Eli Travers—Merchant—20 Front St—1st Ward vice Thomas. K. Dubois—Resigned

Fire. Engine. Comp. N° 14.

Abraham. P. Maybee—Mason—34 Church St 3d Wd vice Anthony Villard—left City

Philip Embury—Tinner—103 Beekman St 2d Wd vice Thomas. W. Hoyt—Resigned

Daniel Duryee—Carpenter—c Broome & Sullivan St 8th Wd vice George Newson—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N° 25.

Alfred Seymour—Clerk—8 Maiden Lane 2d Wd vice Solomon Brown—Resigned

Bollis Colgate—Tallow Chandler—3 Dutch St 2d " vice John. H. Oldershaw—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N° 26.

Job Furman—Lumber Merchᵗ—Jefferson St—7th Wd vice Abraham Thorp—Resignd & Removd from City

Saml B. Mersereau—Merchant—130 Lombardy St 7th Wd vice Henry. S. Bertholf—Resigned

George. W. Dodge—Cartman—20 Suffolk St 10th Wd vice Azel Bryan—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N° 30

Alexander Canniff—Cartman—Sullivan S^{t} near Spring S^{t} 8th W^{d} vice Alex^{r} Jeroleman—Resigned

[115] Abraham Vreeland—Shoemaker—19 Essex S^{t} 10th W^{d} vice Henry Canniff—Resigned

Fire. Engine. Comp. N° 32.

Gerardus. De. Forest—Shoemaker—Prince S^{t} near Cathedral 8th W^{d} vice Moses Vincent—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N° 36

Richard Concklin—Tailor—Varick n. Watts S^{t} 8th W^{d} vice Henry Wurdin—Refus^{g} to serve

William Knapp—Carpenter—c. Varick & Watts S^{t} 8. W^{d} vice Benjamin VerBryck—Refus^{g} to serve

Fire Engine Comp. N° 39.

Thomas. W. Hoyt—Ship Chandler—6 Varick S^{t} 5th W^{d} vice Horace. S. Belden—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication; as follows,

The Street Commissioner feels it his duty to communicate to the Common Council, a very common and a very growing evil, and one that is dangerous to the lives of our Citizens and injurious to our Streets, viz. That of removing and transporting Buildings from one part of the City to another: as there is by the Ordinances of the Corporation, but one method of preventing it, which is by conveying articles encumbering the Streets to the public yard, or other convenient place, and there to sell so [116] much thereof, as shall pay a fine of Five Dollars and costs of Sale, &c—The Street Commissioner alludes particularly to a Building now removing from that part of Hudson Street now opening from Duane to Chamber Street: the Building is lofty and is mounted upon Carts: should one or more of the wheels give way, the Building would inevitably be thrown over, and the consequence very probably would be, the lives of some Persons destroyed—The Street Commissioner would suggest the propriety of the immediate passage of an Ordinance entirely prohibiting the removal of any Building through the Streets of this City

(Signed) Jn° M^{c}Comb
S^{t} Com^{r}

whereupon the Street Commissioner and the Counsel were directed to draft an Ordinance remedying the evil

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances, For paving Mott Street from Chatham to Pell Street—For paving Water Street from Burling Slip to Fulton Street—For paving Bridge Street from Broad to Whitehall Street—which were confirmed, and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob. C. Mott, and Aquila Giles appointed Assessors in [117] each—He also presented Ordinances for regulating and paving Cliff Street, and for paving Hudson Street from Chamber to Duane Street—which were confirmed, and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower appointed Assessors in each

The Street Commissioner presented the following

At the last Meeting of the Common Council, the Street Commissioner presented a Draft of an Ordinance for building a Drain at Peck Slip—He has since found that two of the Assessors will be interested in the Assessment—He therefore presents another Draft for confirmation, and for other Assessors to be appointed thereto

(signed) Jn° M^cComb. S^t Com^r

whereupon the Ordinance was confirmed, and Roger Strong, John Brower, and Michael. M. Titus were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following, The Street Commissioner begs leave to state to the Common Council, that the Building belonging to the Estate of the late Abraham Bokee still remains standing in and encumbering Cliff Street—The Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment awards [118] the Buildings to the original Proprietors. By the will of M^r Bokee, his Estate is left to a number of Infant Heirs, but the Executors named in the will have refused to qualify and take charge of the Property, consequently there is no person to notify to remove said house—The undersigned suggests the propriety of the Corporation directing him to cause the immediate sale of the House, and the Proceeds to be placed in the hands of the Public Administrator for the use of the Heirs, or in any other manner so as to facilitate the opening and regulating of the Street (Signed) Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

whereupon he was directed to remove the same under the direction of the Counsel

The Street Commissioner recommended that Ab^m Bloodgood be appointed Assessor, in the place of James. H. Guion who has removed from the City, in the following Ordinances, viz. for Slote Lane, Rider, Mulberry, Orange, Cross, and Anthony Streets, and for paving Side walk in Washington Street; which was agreed to

The Alms House Committee on the subject of Mr Furman, presented the following Report,

[119] The Alms House Committee, to whom was referred the subject of R. Furman Esq. Keeper of said House, relating to some reports circulating that his Family was supplied with food from the Alms House at the expense of the Public, have examined and enquired into the same, and have found nothing to warrant said report

(Signed) Reuben Munson.
" William Stone.
" Geo. B. Thorp.

which was ordered to be filed

The Committee on Arts and Sciences on the Petition of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, reported

That Fifty feet by One hundred and forty feet is stated as the least extent of ground proper for their purpose, and the scite designated is in the rear of the Gaol and fronting on Tryon Row, but your Committee are sorry to state that the place pointed out cannot be granted to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, because it is contemplated to open Cross Street through to Chatham Street, and the College to be erected will be placed directly in the Street, whereupon the Committee recommend that the prayer of the Petition be [120] not granted

(Signed) Samuel Akerley
" Th. R. Smith
" John Remmey
" Arthur Burtis
" J. Warren Brackett

which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition of J. C. Stroebel for a loan of One hundred Dollars, reported, That it is improper to comply with the prayer of the Petition: which was approved

The Market Committee on the Petition of James Wright, reported as follows,

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Wright for Stall N° 28 in Fly Market, recommend, That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and that he be licensed for the same

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone.
Stephen Allen
John. B. Coles

It was moved that the said Report lie on the Table: on the question of agreeing thereto, a division being called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative, as follows,

[121] Negative 9 Aldⁿ Buckmaster, Burtis Thorp, Munson Messʳˢ Stone, Remmey Akerley, Taylor, Allen

Affirmative 8 Aldⁿ Coles, Brackett, Underhill, Holmes, Smith, Messʳˢ Stevens, Kip, Schieffelin

It was then ordered that leave be granted to said Wright to hold said Stall during the pleasure of this Board

The Market Committee on the Petitions of B. Ten Broeck, Solomⁿ Dean, and John Hyde for Butcher's Licenses, reported in favour of Petitioners, which was approved

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Asher Davenport to stand in the lower Fly Market; report, That in their opinion, the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" A. L. Underhill
Stephen Allen
William Stone

which was approved

The Street Commissioner and Counsel to whom it was this evening referred to draft an Ordinance respecting the removal of Houses through [122] the Streets, presented the Draft of an Ordinance on that subject, which, having been read, was referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner, and the Counsel of the Board

Ordered that a Warrant for Eight hundred Dollars issue to the Keeper of the City Hall for the purchase of fuel

Alderman Brackett presented the following:

Resolved that an iron fence be constructed in front of that part of the public ground called the Park, commencing at the Engine House opposite Warren Street and running northerly to Chamber Street; thence along Chamber Street to a point in a line with the west end of the New York Institution: the question being taken on the above Resolution, and a division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows

Affirmative 11 Aldⁿ Coles, Bracket, Holmes, Smith, Thorpe, Messʳˢ Stevens, Kip, Stone, Remmey, Akerley, Schieffelin

Negative 5 Aldⁿ Buckmaster Burtis Munson Messʳˢ Taylor Allen

[123] Resolved that the Committee of Arts and Sciences, together with the Superintendant of Repairs be a Committee to carry the above

Resolution into effect—Alderman Buckmaster gave notice of motion for reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of the necessity of borrowing a sum of Money not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars for defraying the expenses of the City until the collection of Taxes; which Report was agreed to

Alderman Smith presented Resolutions offered by him on Thirtieth day of December Eighteen Hundred and Sixteen respecting Butcher's Stands, which were read and laid on the Table

The Counsel stated, that in the Grant to Mr Rutgers executed at last Meeting, there had been charged to him Ten feet more than ought to be; whereupon it was Ordered that the Counsel be authorized to alter the grant

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution on the [124] subject of working the Avenues, which was read, and Ordered, That One hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Board

The following Report on the Subject of widening Harman Street, was called up and read, The Petition to widen Harman Street on the south side from Chatham Square to Grand Street having been referred to the undersigned Committee, they beg leave to report; That they have taken the subject into consideration, have examined the Street it's whole length, and enquired into the situation of the Property along said Street, and from a full investigation of the subject, your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the contemplated improvement is of great importance, not only to the Property along Harman Street, but to the whole eastern section of the City embracing a considerable portion of the Seventh and Tenth Wards, and some of the Fourth—Your Committee therefore think that an order should be passed to widen Harman Street according to the prayer of the Petitioners, and they accordingly recommend the same inasmuch as the objections which have heretofore existed, are now removed

[125] The distance between Harman and Division Streets is so small, that the former cannot be widened on the north side; wherefore the Petitioners pray to have the Street widened on the South Side only, where there are the fewest houses and the greater part of the lots unoccupied by Buildings of any kind—The Street is now forty five feet wide, and it is proposed to add Thirty three feet, which will make it Seventy eight feet—This will make a wide avenue leading from Chatham Street to the intersection of Harman Street with Grand Street, which latter is also a wide Street continued to Corlear's Hook. This improvement is not merely local, and a greater one has not been

suggested in the opening of any Street for some time past—opposition to the contemplated measure however has arisen from the Inhabitants and Lessees of Property on said Street, and a remonstrance signed by many persons has been laid before this Board, and has been under the consideration of your Committee—It would indeed be extremely hard for the Lessees of Property on this Street, if they should be obliged to pay Two, Three, or more hundred Dollars Assessment on each Lot, when their Buildings are to be removed at the expiration of their leases, by which the Owners of [126] the soil would be benefitted at the expense of the Lessees: this objection however has been entirely removed—It will be recollected by some of the Members of the Board, or if it is not, your Committee beg leave to state the fact, that the greatest part of the soil from Fayette Street to Montgomery Street on both sides of Harman Street belongs to Colonel Henry Rutgers and others of that family: they have given assurance to the Committee, that they do not intend to impose the Assessment, whatever it may be, for the advantage obtained by widening the Street, upon any Lessee under them, but that they are willing to assume the Assessment, and confirm or renew the said leases on equitable terms, that is, without any additional annual rent, except the interest of the Assessment—This proposition appears to your Committee to be just and equitable, even should the injury by the removal of Buildings be much greater than is contemplated—But by the liberal policy of Colonel Rutgers and others, the expense of widening the Street will be very much diminished, and hence the Assessment will be very small for the great benefits received —Your Committee [127] herewith present an Assignment to the Corporation (to be used as a Street forever) the whole of the Property required for said improvement on the south side of Harman Street, belonging to the following Persons, excepting the Lot on the South East corner of Catharine and Harman Streets, viz, Henry Rutgers, Anna Banker, William. B. Crosby, John Beekman, &c, and they offer the said assignment as part of this report—By this Instrument, Thirty three feet in front of Fifty three Lots is given up voluntarily and conveyed to the Corporation for the purpose of expediting, and diminishing the expense of said improvement: besides this, there are Seven corner Lots given up by said Assignment, their length being on Harman Street, and these Lots are given up entire without remuneration —This Property to the amount of Thirty or forty Thousand Dollars is taken off from the amount of the Assessment—As the objection to this improvement has arisen from the Lessees under the Rutgers family, your Committee cannot but think the proposals liberal, and the ob-

jections thereby overcome—They would further remark however, that of the Buildings on lease ground, twelve are upon sufferance, the leases having expired: of these, seven are on the [128] South side, and consequently not to be paid for, as the Buildings may be ordered away at any time according to the conditions of the lease—The other five are on the North side of the Street, and consequently the Tenants are no ways interested in the improvement, being Tenants at will, and will not have to pay any part of the Assessment, which of course falls upon the Owners of the Lots; but these Tenants have added the weight of their names to the remonstrance against widening the Street —Upon the whole, your Committee are of opinion, that immediate steps should be taken to effect the widening and improving Harman Street from and after the First of May Eighteen hundred and eighteen—Wherefore they offer the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to open Harman Street, from Clinton to Grand Street, be requested to stay their proceedings, that the widening of said Street may progress with the opening of the upper part

Resolved that the Counsellor to the Board be directed to prepare an application to the Supreme Court in behalf [129] of this Corporation, to appoint Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to widen Harman Street to Seventy eight feet, to commence at Grand Street by taking Thirty three feet from the South side, and continuing along said Street 'till it opens into Chatham Square; and that when the Report of the said Commissioners is made and confirmed, the Buildings shall be ordered to be removed from and after the First of May Eighteen hundred and nineteen and not before

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Samuel Akerley

Mr Akerley presented the following Resolution,

Resolved that Harman Street be widened Thirty three feet on the south side, provided Henry Rutgers, Anna Banker, Wm B. Crosby, John Beekman, and William Vail convey to the Corporation, without condition and free from right of dower, the Property they have offered to effect the widening of said Street—which was read, and together with the Report was agreed to

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 7th Inst	46.22
Received for Rents	5244.33
" " Tax	1781.97
[130]" " Streets	1000.

Received for Excise	600.
" " Wells and Pumps	80.
	$8752.52

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for the payment of the following Accounts;

Norris & Anderson—Watch 1st Dist	1093.75
Walton & Hibberd " 2nd "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3rd "	413.
Philip Becanon—Inspr Bread—1 Qr Saly 10. June	90.90
Stephen McCormick—Keeper Park—8 March to 1 June	126.
Jeffery Thompson—40 loads Wood for Engine houses	161.25
Jacob Smith Junr repairs to Engines. 4 Dec. to 10. Feby	93.62
Abel Hardenbrook. makg & repg Lamps to 3d Apl	830.10
Joel West—36 Gall's Spirits Turpentine for Lamps	22.87
John Anderson Accot buildg Piers Dey Street	1000.
Abm Storms Accot buildg Bulkhead Rutgers Slip	500.
Barnes Hatfield—balce Well & Pump Goerck St	40.37
Abrm Van Nest..Award for Hudson St on a/c	1800.
Geo. Bowman—Inspects Pavg Streets 1816	39. 1
Jacob Schieffelin—Award for Mott Street	38.54
John Bailey...Paving Intersections	21.72
Richard Campbell repairg "	11.33
Jacob. P. Roome..Supt Repairs for Engine Houses	500.
Ditto " " Repairs	1200.
	$8664.96
Balance	$87.56

Adjourned to next Monday. 4. O. clock

[131] In Common Council June 23rd 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esq. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles.	Saml Jones Junr
Jos. W. Brackett.	Saml Stevens.
A. L. Underhill.	Leonard Kip.
Eldad Holmes.	Wm F. VnAmringe.
Thomas. R. Smith.	William Stone.
Robert McQueen.	John Remmey.
George Buckmaster.	Saml Akerley.
Arthur Burtis.	Jacob. B. Taylor.
George. B. Thorp.	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved
A Petition of Richard. R. Lawrence for permission to construct a

Vault in Cliff Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner, to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of William Thacher for permission to construct a Cistern of Brick in William [132] Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Owners of Lots in the vicinity of the Street or Lane running from Broad Way to Lumber Street and opposite Garden Street, and praying same may be repaved, and also that the said Street may be named, was read, and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner to report

A Petition of Owners of Lots in Bleecker, Houston, Green, Wooster, Thompson, and Lawrence Streets, praying said Streets to be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner, and Alderman and Assistant of the Ward to report

A Memorial of the Measurers of Grain requesting information as to their right to measure grain at Brooklyn on Long Island, was read, and Petition rejected

A Petition of Thomas. W. Thorn, praying remuneration for the injury he has sustained in consequence of the second survey for opening [133] and extending Hudson Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Request in behalf of Thomas Snedeker a Minor, for a Cartman's License, was read and laid on the Table

A Recommendation in favour of William Young late Inspector of Fire wood in Seventh District, was read and laid on the table

A Petition for flagging the walks of Hester Street, and a remonstrance against the same, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of a Committee of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for rooms in the Third Story of the old Alms House, was read and referred to the Commissioner of the Alms House

A Petition from Boatmen plying at Albany Basin, praying that a middle pier may be run out at said Basin, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, &c, and Street Commissioner

[134] A Petition of Samuel Tooker and Benjamin Mead was read, stating, That by widening Bridge Street, the yards of their Lots are reduced to a few feet, and requesting permission to extend their Sinks and cisterns, to be constructed of brick under the Street; which was referred to the Street Commissioner to report the situation of the place, and his opinion thereon

A Petition for a Well in Green Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of Stephen M^cCormick to be permitted to construct a Shop for the sale of Soda Water under the Portico erected by M^r Scudder at the New York Institution, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

Recommendations in favour of Southwick Hibbard and of Michael Cocks as Damage Viewers on Ninth Ward, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications

[135] A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Washington Market, praying that the Corporation would direct the Wharves between Fulton and Vesey Streets to be built with all possible speed, as the filling in the Basin near the Market will leave the Trading Vessels in the fall of the year without a convenient Harbour, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves and Street Commissioner

A Petition of J. Woodward, and Isaac Adriance Keepers at the Penitentiary for an increase of Salary, was read and referred to the Alms House Committee

The Law presented at the last Meeting, entitled "a Law to prevent the removal of Buildings along the Streets," was called up, read by Paragraph, and passed; and directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Franklin Street; which was read and passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

[136] The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vancancies

Fire. Engine. Comp. N^o 23.

Francis Raymond—Hatter—N^o 93 Mott S^t 6^th W^d vice Alexis. P. Proal—Resigned

Fire. Engine. Comp. N^o 18.

Charles. W. Abrams, Account^t 208 Water S^t—2^d W^d vice Joseph Willetts—Resigned

Fire. Engine. Comp. N^o 34.

John Embler—Hatter—Christopher S^t—9^th W^d vice Nathan Lyman—Resigned

The City Inspector on the Petition of F. Dibblee, reported in favour of remitting the Penalty, which was agreed to, on the condition that the Petitioner pay all costs, which have accrued

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances on the Premises of the Persons following, which were passed

Aaron Forman	Lessee & Occpt	195	Greenwich St	a Privy
John. C. Morrison	"	193	"	"	"
W. Rhind	Occpt				
Jno Downing	Owner & Occpt		Christopher	"	"
[137] James Bertine	Owner	61.	N. Moore	"	"
Jno Scudder	Occpt				
John Conner	Lessee & Occpt	63	Vesey	"	"
William Jackson James Baggott	Lessees & Occpts		Grand	"	"
John. R. Livingston	Owner		Columbia	"	Lot
N. Jarvis Agent, to S. Van Ransellaer	Owner				
Arnest Fink Jacob Aims	Occpts		Spring	"	"

(Signed) George Cuming C. I.

The Counsel agreeably to the reference to him, reported a statement of facts and his opinion thereon, respecting the rights at Grand Street Ferry, which was read, and referred together with the Report of the Committee to the same Committee on that Subject

The Street Committee on the Petition for widening Beaver Lane, reported, That in their opinion, it was inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the Petitioners, which Report was approved

The Street Committee on the Petition of certain Auctioneers to be permitted to sell furniture in [138] Water Street between Fletcher Street and Gouverneur's Lane, reported that it was inexpedient to grant said Petition, which Report was approved

The Committee of Wharves on the Petition of Messrs Swartouts, presented a Report, which was read and the further consideration postponed

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the suggestion of the Street Commissioner respecting opening Anthony Street through the grounds of Aaron Stockholm and of the Corporation, into that part of Anthony Street, which was formerly Little Water Street and of widening the same to forty feet; reported in favour of said improve-

ment, which was confirmed, and the Counsel directed to take the legal measures for effecting the same

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the Petition of Simon V^n^ Antwerp, reported,

Having carefully examined the subject, find that M^r^ V^n^ Antwerp was assessed Eighteen Dollars and seventy five cents for building a Bulkhead across Vesey Street [139] Slip, and filling up the Slip in the Year Eighteen hundred and four: that the assessment was laid according to law: one third part of the expense was laid on the Corporation, and that the Property of the Corporation in the vicinity was also assessed as high as any of the private property: that a number of Persons did object to the assessment, and refused payment, and the cause was tried before the Supreme Court at the April Sittings of Eighteen hundred and ten, and the Plaintiff therein was non suited: the Assessment was then placed in the hands of Noah Jarvis, who collected the whole—Whether there has been any other arrangement with the adjoining private property, than was at first intended, your Committee cannot discover, and they presume it would be inexpedient to go into that examination at this late day; They therefore recommend that leave be given to withdraw the Petition

(Signd) Jn^o^ M^c^Comb S^t^ Com^r^
" G. N. Bleecker Comp^r^

which was approved

The Committee on the Petition relative to a Market near the Collect grounds, presented a Report which was read, and the consideration [140] postponed—The Fire Department Committee, on petition of Anderson & others, presented a Report which was laid on the Table.

The Committee on the request of the Commissioner of the Alms House respecting ground for a Stable, presented a Report, which was read and referred back to the same Committee

The Counsel and Attorney on the Petition of Robert Bogardus and others, reported, That Robert Bogardus and Silvanus Miller are Mortgagees of certain Property, which belonged to John Blauvelt and which was taken for the purpose of improving one of the Streets—that there is no mention made of the rights of the Mortgagees in the report of the Commissioners—Under these circumstances the Counsel and Attorney are of opinion that the money ought to be paid into the Supreme Court, in pursuance of the hundred and eighty fourth section of the "Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act." which provides, "That in all cases where

the name or names of the Owners, Parties, or Persons entitled to, or interested in any lands &c, that may be so taken for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall not be [141] set forth or mentioned in the said Report, &c, it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to pay the sum or sums mentioned in the said report &c, into the said Supreme Court of Judicature, to be secured, disposed of, and improved, as the said Court shall direct, and that such payment shall be as valid and effectual in all respects, as if made to the said owners, &c

(Sign'd) Ogden Edwards.
" Alpheus Sherman.

whereupon Ordered, that a Warrant issue for Sixteen hundred and twenty nine Dollars and fifty cents in the name of the Street Commissioner, and that he pay the same forthwith to the Supreme Court

The Law entitled a " Law respecting Swine " was called up, and was in the words following, Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, That if any hog shall be found running at large in any road, Street, Lane, Alley, or Public place in the City of New York from and after the day of next, any Person may cause the same to be sent to either of the public Pounds [142] *Pounds* within the said City; and if the Owner of such hog shall not pay to the Keeper of such Pound, Ten Dollars for the use of the Person who caused such hog to be sent to such Pound, together with the fees of the Keeper of such Pound, and reasonable charges for feeding and keeping such hog, not exceeding twelve cents for every twenty four hours, such hog shall be impounded within six days thereafter, or replevy the same, then it shall, and may be lawful for such keeper to sell such hog at public vendue, giving at least forty eight hours previous notice of such sale, by advertisement to be set up at the said Pound, and at the nearest public place to the same; and out of the monies arising from such sale to retain in his hands, his fees and charges for feeding and keeping such hog and of such sale; and to pay over the residue thereof to the Person, who caused such hog to be impounded—On the question of agreeing to said law, a Division having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the negative as follows.

Negative 12. Ald^{n} Brackett, Holmes, [143] M^{c}Queen, Buckmaster, Burtis, Thorp, Munson Mess^{rs} Stone, Remmey, Akerley Taylor, Schieffelin

Affirmative 8 Ald^{n} Coles Underhill Smith Mess^{rs} Jones, Stevens, Kip, Allen, V^{n} Amringe

Alderman Buckmaster agreeably to notice given at the last Meeting of the Board, now moved, That the Board reconsider the vote then given on the Resolution respecting enclosing a part of the Park with an iron fence—On the question of agreeing to reconsider, a Division having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the negative, the Members voting as follows,

Negative 14. Ald^{n} Coles, Brackett, Holmes, Smith, M^{c}Queen, Thorp, Mess^{rs} Jones, Stevens, Kip, V^{n} Amringe, Stone, Remmey, Akerley, Schieffelin

Affirmative 6 Ald^{n} Underhill Buckmaster Burtis Munson M^{r} Taylor Allen

The Memorial of Thomas and George Lovett which was laid for consideration at the last Meeting, was now called up and referred [144] to the Committee on Wharves and Street Commissioner

The Report of the Canal Committee, which had been laid for consideration, was called up, and after some discussion, was referred back to the same Committee

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the Communication of the Historical Society respecting the erecting a Monument on the Bastion at Fort George in this City, at which place the Latitude of this City was first ascertained, reported, That they have examined the communication, and are sensible of the importance of its objects, and therefore take the liberty of stating the substance of it, and the request contained therein—The Chamber of Commerce of the City of New York was instituted and organized on the fifth of April of the year Seventeen hundred and Sixty eight—In the year following, Measures were taken to ascertain the latitude of the place. Accordingly in October Seventeen hundred and sixty nine, M^{r} David Rittenhouse of Philadelphia and Captain John Montresor of the British [144A] Corps of Engineers at that period stationed in New York were engaged to find the latitude by celestial observations—These were made in the South West or Flag Bastion of Fort George, whose Scite is not now evident in consequence of the demolition of that fortress by alterations and improvements in the City—The mean of several observations on Capella and Castor gave the latitude of New York (as ascertained in that fort) 40° 42′ 8″. The communication from the Historical Society having stated this fact as taken from the Minutes of the Chamber of Commerce, request that the Corporation would endeavour to find the Scite of the Flag Bastion of Fort George, and erect on the spot a stone with an inscription stating the latitude, when and by whom ascertained, and that a suitable person or persons

be employed to take the latitude of the City Hall, and erect a Stone in front or near it with the latitude marked thereon, which shall serve as a Monument or Millearium, from which all distances shall be reckoned, and which will be considered the proper latitude of the place, being taken from the largest, most elegant, and permanent Building in the City—Your Committee think that the [144B] subject of this communication is of great importance, and that so large and growing a City as New York should not long remain without it's latitude being accurately ascertained and that the place of observation should be known and designated; wherefore they recommend

1. That the Street Commissioner be directed to ascertain as nearly as possible, the Scite of the South West Bastion of Fort George, and erect thereon a monumental stone, on which shall be marked the latitude as taken in Seventeen hundred and Sixty nine, and by whom

2. That a suitable Person or Persons be employed under the direction of your Committee to find the latitude of the City Hall, and to erect a monumental Stone near it with Suitable inscriptions, from which mileage or distances from the City shall hereafter be computed

One other subject connected with the one before your Committee, tho' not in the petition under consideration, they beg to submit to the Board—The City Surveyors frequently differ in their computation of distances and direction, in consequence sometimes of the [145] different variation of the magnetic needles used by them—If a place was fixed in some elevated Situation (as the Cupola of the City Hall for instance) from which some permanent object on Long Island or the Jersey Shore could be observed, and the true direction ascertained, it might serve the purpose of regulating Surveys, and in some measure of correcting errors, as thereby the Compasses of all Surveyors might at any time be adjusted—Wherefore your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to ascertain if any proper object can be seen from the Cupola of the City Hall, which may be fixed upon as a mark to ascertain the direction of the Compass from the said Cupola, and that a stone slab be fixed somewhere on the top of the Hall with proper marks thereon, by which, the true direction of the magnetic needle of Surveyor's Compasses may at all times be regulated and adjusted

(Signed) Samuel Akerley—J. Warren Brackett—Th. R. Smith—John Remmey—Arthur Burtis

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to take measures agreeably thereto

The following were appointed a Committee to make the usual and necessary arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence Aldⁿ Buckmaster—Coles—Munson —Messʳˢ VⁿAmringe—Allen

[146] The Comptroller reported

Balance in the Treasury 16th Inst	87.56
Received for Hudson Street	1170.
" " Bridge "	6000.
" " Canal "	1000.
" Loan of Mechanic's Bank in part	9000.
	$17.257.56

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts.

Wm Hoghland Keepr Penitentʸ & 2 Asstˢ to 1st May	750.
Thos R. Smith Esq. towards Expenses of Visit Presdt U. S. to this City	800.
B. Skaats to purchase Fuel for City hall	800.
Hezekiah. H. Baldwin—Award for Hudson St	1627.12
Abm Vn Nest—balce award " "	1432.82
John Anderson balce award " Cliff "	941.26
Jno McComb St Comr for Commissnr's & Attorney's fees for Bridge Street	630.25
Thos Scott—repaving St at Catherine Markt	319.62
Thos & Geo. Lovett. a/c Drain Pearl St	100.
Thos Boyle paving Intersections	11.47
J. McComb. St Comr for Commissnr's, Attorney's, & Court Expenses, openg 13th St from Bowery to North river	526.83
Henry Allen. Repairs Ferry Stairs Catharine Slip & labour at Whitehall Pier No 1	557.56
[147] Jas Vincent for Earth deposited at Collect	129.78
J. McComb. St Comr pavg Repairs of Roads	500.
Jacob. P. Roome, Supert for Repairs	1200.
Richard Furman " Alms House	5000.
	$15.326.71
Balance	$1930.85

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Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esq. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles.	Saml Stevens.
Jos W. Brackett.	Leonard Kip.
A. L. Underhill.	Wm F. Vn Amringe
Eldad Holmes.	Willm Stone.
Thomas. R. Smith.	John Remmey.
Robert McQueen.	Saml Akerley.
George Buckmaster.	Jacob. B. Taylor.
George. B. Thorp.	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

An Invitation of John Scudder Proprietor of the American Museum to the Members of the Common Council to visit the Museum on Wednesday Afternoon next at Four. O.Clock, and inviting the Members and their families to visit the same on the evening of the same day, when it will be illuminated, and enclosing Seven Tickets of Admission for each Member of [149] the Common Council, was read and his invitation accepted

A Petition of John Grilman for Stall No 5 in Fly Market, and of H. Hoffman for No 2 Grand Street Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

Petitions of Thomas Place, John Akley, Stephen Doane, and Samuel Piercy to be permitted to continue to sell Meat at their respective houses as heretofore granted, were read, and referred to the following Committee and until a Report is made on the subject, that they be permitted to sell as usual

Committee

Aldermen Munson, Thorp, Brackett

A Petition of Henry McNally, stating that before the passage of the Law respecting the removal of houses in the Streets, he had purchased for the sake of removing them, Houses Nos 56 and 44 in Henry Street, and praying permission to remove the same; whereupon on motion that the prayer of the Petition be granted, and a Division having been called by Alderman Smith, it was carried in the [150] affirmative as follows,

Affirmative 12 Ald^{n} Underhill, M^{c}Queen Buckmaster, Thorp, Munson Mess^{rs} Stevens, Kip, Allen V^{n} Amringe, Remmey Taylor, Schieffelin

Negative 4. Ald^{n} Brackett Holmes Smith M^{r} Stone

A Petition of Rowland Powell, that his Son John, a Minor, may be licensed as a Cartman, was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Cross Street, praying that when the said Street is regulated that the waters of Tan yards in the vicinity may be carried off in Trunks or Conduits, and that same Street may be straitened from Coulthard's Brewery to Pearl Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of John. R. Livingston stating that an Ordinance passed directing him to fill in certain Lots owned by him between Columbia, Cannon, Rivington, and Delancy Streets, and requesting for reasons therein stated, a [151] delay of said order, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward and Street Commissioner to report

A Petition of John Merritt for remission of fine incurred for driving without a Cartman's License, was read and referred to the Attorney to report facts

A Petition of John Dunlevy for remission of fine under Tavern Law, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward to report

A Communication was received from John Randel Jun^{r} on the Subject of his Contract with the Corporation; was read, and referred to the Road Committee, Alderman Coles, and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Vincents for permission to transfer a Lease of a Lot of Common Lands, leased by him from the Corporation, to James Flinn, was read, and referred to the Counsel to report

A Petition of Philip Brasher and Theodosius [152] Fowler for permission to construct a Vault in Chamber Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to grant on the usual terms

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Christie and Broome Streets, that a Cistern might be constructed in the Street to receive the waters from S^{t} Stephen's Church to be used in case of fire, was read and granted under direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Eliza Coddington for pecuniary aid to enable her to pay an assessment for opening Hudson Street, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant

A Petition of James Hunt to lease the room over Washington Market, was read and laid on the Table

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies,

Hook and Ladder Comp. N° 2

Jacob Vreeland—Hardw^re Merch^t—139 Cherry S^t 7 W^d
[153] vice Geo. Weeks—Resigned
Henry Barriger—Carpenter—103 Fair S^t—2^d W^d
vice Alexander Kilpatrick—Resign'd

Fire. Engine. Comp. N° 2.

Henry Foos. House Carpenter—25 Henry S^t—7^th W^d
vice Francis. J. Dominick—Resigned
Silvanus Lewis—Mason—59 Division S^t 7^th W^d vice Gilbert Davis —Resigned on a/c of his leg broke at fire—Fly Market
Thomas Truslow—House Carpenter—170 Division S^t 10 W^d
vice Philander Camp—Resigned on a/c bad state of health

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessment for opening Hudson Street from Christopher Street to Greenwich Lane—for enlarging Mott Street—for a Well and Pump in Grand Street—and for paving Laight Street—and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for repaving the Alley between Broadway and Lumber Street opposite Garden Street, to be hereafter called Garden Street Alley, which was passed, and Abraham Baudouine, Jacob. [154] C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Green Street between Prince and Houston Streets, which was passed, and Abraham Baudouine, Jacob. C. Mott, and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors

The Comptroller presented a Communication giving a list of Balances due to the Corporation on the Twelfth of May last: also an Account of City Stock and Bonds issued by the Corporation, together with Bonds due to the Corporation, and the annual Revenue for the Year Eighteen hundred and seventeen, which being read, was directed to be referred to the Committee of Finance

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of

sundry nuisances on the Premises of the following Persons, which were passed

Mrs Mary Osborn	Owner & Occpt		Spring	St	Privy
Mrs Wade	Owner	No 9	Augustus	"	"
P. Wymes	Occpt				
John Heath	Owner & Occpt	10	Stone	"	"
Wm Perkins	"	85	Chapel	"	"
Mrs Stewart	Occpt				
Catharine Smith	Owner & Occpt	26	Vesey	"	"
[155] John Hyslop	Owners	8	Frankfort	"	"
C. Bogert					
John T. Lacy	Occpt				
John McLean Esq	Owner	51.	Oak	"	"
R. Allen	Occpt				
A. Herring	Owner		Water &		
E. Herring	Agent		Scammell	"	"
Wm Schatzel	Owner	15	Doyer	"	"
John Fogerty	Occpt				
A. Herring	Owner	Water & Scammel		"	Lot
E. Herring	Agent				
John. R. Livingston	Owner	41	Thomas	"	"
E. Haynes	Occpt				
Gerard Beekman	Owner	211	Hester	"	"
Andrew Stockholm	"	Pearl & Cross		"	"
Mrs H. Courtney	"		South	"	"
A. Labagh	"	Franklin & Collect		"	"
J. Courtney	Occpt				
John Jay Esq.	Owner		Broadway		"
Peter. A. Jay Esq.	Agent				
Beverly Robinson	Owner		"		"
Geo Bruce	"		"		"

(Signed) George Cuming C. I.

Upon the reference of Comptroller's Report respecting the Lots at Brooklyn leased to B. Striker, the Ferry Committee presented the following;

That in their opinion, it would be proper for [156] the Board to authorize the said Property to be leased at Public Auction on the premises, for the term of Three years from the First of May last, under the direction of the Ferry Committee and Comptroller—They also recommend that the same Committee be instructed to rent the

apartment at Washington Market, lately occupied by the Watch, for Four years from May last, which will expire at the same time as the Cellars under that Market—It is also proposed to rent or lease the House and one and three quarters Acres of Ground at Hallet's Point on Long Island, which was purchased of Jacob. McKeay in October Eighteen hundred and thirteen, for the use of the Ferry at Horn's Hook.

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" J. Warren Brackett
" Eldad Holmes

which was approved

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller on the subject of the fees of the Deputy Clerks of Markets, reported, That they have considered the same, are *are* of opinion, that it will be conducive to the public interest, and consistent with justice to place the Clerks of Catharine [157] Market, and the Clerk of Washington, Duane, and Spring Street Markets on the same footing—They therefore propose the adoption of the following Resolution—Resolved that from and after the First day of July next, the Clerk of Catharine Market, and the Clerk of Washington, Duane, and Spring Street Markets, be allowed one dollar per day for every Market day in lieu of the compensation now granted them

(Signed) Th. R. Smith.
" Reuben Munson.
" Stephen Allen.
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved

The Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward, and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the Petition respecting the paving the Side Walk of Hester Street, reported,

That they have examined the Premises and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient to pave the Walks to the extent asked for in the Petition, but would recommend that the Walks be flagged from Broadway to Crosby Street on both sides of Hester Street, and which it appears, would be satisfactory to all Persons interested therein—Your Committee [158] recommend that an Ordinance be passed to that effect

(Sign'd) Robert McQueen Aldn
" John Remmey Asst
" John McComb St Comr

which was approved

The Committee of Wharves, &c. to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants respecting running out Piers at Washington Market, presented a Report, which was referred back to the same Committee and Comptroller

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Samuel Tooker and Benjamin Mead, reported, Having examined the situation of the Sink and cistern, reports that the sink is arched over with Brick below the surface of the Walk: that the cistern is built of Wood carefully covered with locust beams laid quite close and arched over with brick, so as to render it perfectly secure, and they project into the Street under the Side Walk as described on the Sketch herewith: the yard being very small, it will be impossible to place those conveniences entirely within the Lot; and as they are well secured, he would recommend that they be permitted to remain, on paying [159] the usual price for the privilege

(Signed) Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

whereupon Resolved that the part of the Report relating to the Cistern be approved, and that the Parties have permission to continue the same, on paying the usual rates as for Vaults, but that permission be not given for the continuance of the Sink under the Street

The Attorney on the Petition of Charles Day, reported, That it appeared in evidence on the trial of this cause, that the said Day took away one load of Manure from Chapel Street between Franklin and White Streets: that he was seen loading his Cart very early in the morning, before People were generally up: it appeared that it was the same kind of Manure that usually lays in the Street: the cause was adjourned once to accommodate M^r Day, but on the trial of the cause, he had nothing to offer, nor any evidence to contradict the statement of the Complainant

(Signed) A Sherman

whereupon Resolved, that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

He also, on the Petition of George Pye, reported, [160] That in the examination of several Witnesses, it appeared that the Apprentice of the said Pye, about three weeks ago discharged a loaded gun twice in the yard of the said Pye, and by his orders: that a day or two after he discharged a loaded Pistol in said yard by the order of the said Pye: that the said gun was loaded with a ball at one time, and at the other twice with shot—that one of the Neighbours was very much alarmed—and it also appeared that the said Pye had made use of

some threats to one of the neighbours, in conversation on the subject of discharging said guns

(Signed) A Sherman

whereupon Resolved, that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

The Street Committee, the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward, and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the Petition of Owners of Lots on Bleecker, Houston, Green, Wooster, Thompson and Lawrence Street praying the same to be regulated and paved, reported in favour of the Petition, which was approved, and the Street Commissioner was directed to report Ordinances, and take measures for carrying the same into effect

[161] The Committee of Applications on the Petition of Michael Cox and Southwick Hibberd recommended that they be appointed Appraisers of Damages and Fence Viewers in the Ninth Ward, which was approved, and they were appointed accordingly

It being represented to the Board that the Parties interested in the claim upon the award to Blauvelt (viz Robert Bogardus, S. Miller and others) would prefer said sum to be paid over to them instead of it's being paid to the Supreme Court, it was Ordered that if the Parties on or before the Fifth of July next shall give to the Street Commissioner the necessary receipts and releases to secure the Corporation therein, that he be authorized to pay said monies over to them, but otherwise that he pay the same into the Supreme Court as before directed

The Report of the Committee of the Fire Department, and the Counsel on the Petition of Elijah Anderson &c was called up, and was in the words following,

That the dormant windows erected upon the Houses mentioned in their Petition [162] at N^os^ 8. and 10. Division Street extend nearly the whole length of the front part of the roofs, and that those erected upon the houses, at N^os^ 12 and 14. in the same Street extend the whole length of the front part of the roofs. The undersigned are therefore of opinion, that the Petitioners have violated the law—But as the practice of erecting dormant windows in this manner has existed for Several years without the law having been enforced, and as these cases are not such gross violations of it as to preclude a belief that the Petitioners supposed they were acting legally, the undersigned are of opinion that it would be proper to request the Chamberlain to suspend any further proceedings against the Petitioners, upon their paying the costs of suit—The undersigned however respectfully recommend,

that the City Intendant be instructed to report all cases of similar nature which may hereafter occur to the Attorney of the Board

(Signed) Arthur Burtis.
" Robert M^cQueen.
" A. L. Underhill
" Ogden Edwards

whereupon Resolved that said Report be [163] approved, and that the same be extended to the cases of Doughty and William Slam

The Remonstrance against the Assessment for Franklin Square was called up, and the Counsel was directed to report the State of that Assessment, whether still under the control of the Board

The Resolutions on the subject of working the avenues was called up, and it was referred to the Counsel to consider, and to report as to the legality of the Provisions therein, and it was referred to the following Committee to consider, and report their opinion as to the expediency of adopting said Resolutions;

Committee

Aldermen Smith, Coles,—M^r Akerley, M^r Kip, Allen

Alderman Brackett presented a Resolution on the subject of Skelton and Cansell's Map of the United States, which was laid on the Table

He also presented a Resolution directing all [164] Petitions to be hereafter presented by a Member of the Board and read in his place, which was also laid on the Table for consideration

A Report of the Ferry Committee on the proposition of Jacob Lewis to sell a Piece of Land opposite Horn's Hook ferry, was referred to the Ferry Committee and Counsel

A further recommendation that Charles Udall be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read; Whereupon Resolved that Charles Udall be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain, &c.

A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate, the Gallery was cleared and Doors closed

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution directing a further issue of City Stock under the direction of the Finance Committee, which Resolution was in the following words, and was agreed to—Resolved that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Finance Committee to [165] dispose of One hundred Thousand Dollars of City Stock to be issued for that purpose, at a rate not less than par, from the Proceeds of which shall be paid a Corporation Bond of Ninety Thousand Dollars due the Mechanic's Bank, with the interest thereon; and the residue placed in the Treasury

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 23d Inst	1930.85
deduct J. Blauvelts award for Hudson Street, ordered at the Board to be paid	1629.50
	$301.35
Received for Streets	2550.
" " Canal Street	500.
" " 8th Avenue	400.
" " Tax	400.
" " Rents	2154.38
" Loan of Mechanic's Bk balce	11.000.
	$17.305.73

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch 1. Dist	1142.75
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1 July	50.
[166] Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1. July	50.
Saml Hutchings Street " " "	50.
Jonathan Weeden " " " "	50.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers " "	60.
Danl H. Magee Keeper Potter's field " "	45.
Richd Burchan—furnishg Lists of Passengers 6 Mo 1 May	25.
Caesar Pine—removg Nuisances City Inspr	9.75
Geo. Snethen. Superg & lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 July	585.19
Reuben Munson Esq for 20 Casks Oil	560.17
W. Fish Chamberlain 2 Years Saly 1 May last	1000.
Thos R. Smith Esq. towards Expences of Presidents visit	400.
L. S. Burling for redemption Bills of Credit	4000.
Luke Persiary—Work at Mud Machine to 14th June	487.56
John Anderson accot Pier Dey Street	2000.
Abm Storer's accot bulkhead Rutger's Slip	600.
Thos Barnum—Superg Pier Dey St 1 to 28 June	48.
Anderson & Bailey. Award for Lots Chatham St Balance	127.67
David Simpson—Award for Hudson St	244.50
Richard Campbell—pavg Intersections	19.53
Jacob. P. Roome. Supt Repairs for Repairs	1600.
Ditto for Engine Houses Greenwich	500.
Thos R. Smith Esq—Treasurer Board Health	250.
J. & T. Swords—Printg Corpn Bills Credit	261.75
Richard Furman—Supt Alms House	2000.
	$17.262.37
Balance	$43 36/100

Board adjourned to meet this day fortnight at 4. O.clock

[167] In Common Council. July 14th 1817.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles.	Samuel Stevens.
Jos. W. Brackett.	Leonard Kip.
Anthy L. Underhill.	Wm F. Vn Amringe
Eldad Holmes.	John Remmey.
Thomas. R. Smith.	Saml Akerley
Robert McQueen.	Jacob B. Taylor
George Buckmaster.	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis.	
George. B. Thorp.	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Samuel Betts for permission to construct a vault in Greenwich Street, and of Henry. A. Coster for like permission in Reade Street, were read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Petition of George Alizon for the payment of Seven hundred Dollars in part of the sum [168] awarded him for ground taken to open Hudson Street, from Duane Street to Chambers Street, was read, and the prayer granted, and a Warrant was directed to be issued therefor

A Petition of Joseph Earle for relief respecting Tax for Eighteen hundred and fifteen, which has been paid by him, but the receipt given by the Collector lost, was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition for paving the south side of Spring Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Richard Smith Deputy Clerk of Washington Market for remuneration of a recovery had against him for acts done in the discharge of his official duties in a suit of William Corson, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from Nicholas Lawrence holding Stall No 5. Washington Market, and Nicholas Dean holding Stall No 45 Catharine Market, proposing an exchange of Stalls, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

[169] Petitions from John Peters for appointment to an office, and of William Peters for appointment as Measurer of Grain, were read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of the Inhabitants of George Street praying that the

name of the said Street may be changed to Spruce Street, or some other appropriate name, was read, and Resolved that said Street be hereafter known and distinguished as Spruce Street, and that the Superintendant of Repairs alter the direction boards of the Street agreeably thereto

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Oliver Street, praying that in paving the Street, which they understand is contemplated, the Street may not be raised, but that a sewer may be constructed on the top of the ground to carry off the water, which being read, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner The Street Commissioner at same time presented an Ordinance for paving Oliver Street from Bancker Street to the Bulkhead at South Street, which was passed, and it was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward [170] and Street Commissioner to carry the same into effect—Abraham Baudouine, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors in said Ordinance

A Petition of George Smith for remission of fine under the Pawn Broker's law was read and referred to the Attorney to report facts

A Petition of Peter. C. Chapple to be permitted to sell meat at his residence in the Bowery above Spring Street, was read and referred to the Committee on the same subject, viz,

Aldermen Munson—Thorp—& Brackett

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Wards, praying that a Market may be established in the Eighth Ward, and that a Piece of ground owned by Morris Martin, bounded by Orange, Grand, and Rynder Streets be selected and taken for that purpose, was read, and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Wards—A Petition was also received from the Butchers holding Stands in the Collect Market, and from a [171] number of the Inhabitants in the vicinity, praying that a Market may be erected on Collect Street between Franklin and Anthony Streets, which was referred to the same Committee with the preceding Petition

A Petition of Stephen Crane praying that he may be discharged from a suit, brought against him for not reporting a person named Munson Crane, who arrived from Savannah on the first of July, and was taken sick and died at his house on the fourth: the Petitioner not keeping a Boarding house and not considering the young Man as ill of an infectious disease until after his death—Ordered that the same be referred to the Board of Health

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village, praying that

immediate measures may be taken to regulate the Streets of the same, was read, and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of S^{t} Jame's Church was received, stating that when the grounds called Hamilton Square were first laid out, a Street was reserved [172] in the centre of Sixty feet wide: that a part of the ground of said square was reserved for a church, and vested in the Corporation of S^{t} Jame's Church: that a church was erected thereon, and placed on the line of the above mentioned Street, in full expectation that the same would remain open That the Corporation of the City have lately leased out the said grounds, in which lease, said Street is included, which puts it in the power of the Lessee to incommode and almost render useless the Church above mentioned as a place of worship—They therefore pray the Corporation to grant to said church the grounds comprised in said Street, as they can now make an arrangement with the present Lessee—Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

Petitions that Lombardy Street may be paved between Rutgers Street and Jefferson Street; and that White Street between Broadway and Collect Street may be opened, regulated, and paved, were read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner to report

[173] A Petition of John Brown, (a Cartman) praying to be relieved from a recovery had against him on a charge of forestalling wood, was read, and referred to the Attorney to report the facts of the case

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Comp. N^{o} 21

Sylvester. R. Taber—Accomp^{t}—74 Broadway—1st W^{d} vice Albert Terhune—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N^{o} 22

Floyd. S. Penoyer—House Carpent^{r}—130 Hester S^{t} vice Isaac Bennett—Resigned and moved to the Country

Fire Engine Comp. N^{o} 37

Robert Lee—Rope Maker—Arundel n. Delancey S^{t} 10th Ward vice Ralph Walker—Resigned & left the City

Henry. S. W. Lee—Clerk—Essex S^{t}—10th Ward vice John Stutes —Resigned.

Fire Engine Comp. N° 40

Samuel Crumel—House Carpenter—46 Broome S^t 8 Ward vice Nicholas Anderson—Resign'd

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances for regulating Houston, Bleecker, Lawrence, [174] and Thompson Streets, which were passed, and Jacob. C. Mott. Abraham Baudouine, and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each

He also presented an Ordinance for building a Cistern in Forsyth Street in front of S^t Stephen's Church, which was passed, and David Hubbs, Abraham Bloodgood, and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors therein

He also presented an Assessment for flagging the side walks in Broadway, from Franklin to Canal Street; and an Assessment for repaving Sloat Lane, which were confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of the former, and Morris De Camp of the latter

He also presented the following

The Street Commissioner herewith presents a Map of the Blocks and Streets from Rutgers Slip to Gouverneur's Slip, showing their present arrangement with those above and below those points, and would beg leave to suggest to the Common Council the propriety of adopting [175] this plan, inasmuch as a grant of the Water Lots between Cherry Street and South Street is about to be made to Co^l Rutgers, and which, if made in conformity with the former Map of that District, the union of the Streets will be broken and disjointed: it will be seen that the Block between Water Street and South Street on the westerly side of Rutger's Slip is One hundred and sixty feet, and on the Easterly side by the former Map, is One hundred and forty feet, making a projection on South Street of Twenty feet, and so in proportion at Gouverneur's Slip—He would further remark, that as Front Street is a continuation of South Street, it would be proper, that it be hereafter known and distinguished as South Street to Gouverneur's Slip aforesaid

(Signed) Jno M^cComb S^t Comm^r

whereupon said Map was accepted and confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, recommending that the Block which has been reserved for public purposes on the North River, between Charlton and King Streets be filled in; which was read, and he [176] was directed to take the necessary measures for effecting the same

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Thomas. W. Thorn,

reported that Petitioner has lost about fifteen square feet of ground in Reed Street, which was not allowed by the Commissioners, and recommending that Sixty Dollars be allowed him as a compensation; which was approved, and a Warrant directed to be reported

The Street Commissioner on the Complaint against the House N° 214 Bowery belonging to the Widow Downey, reported, That the house complained of was built about the Year Eighteen hundred and four: that the Lot was surveyed by M^r Stilwell then City Surveyor, who gave the proper line of the Street: but as there is a deficiency of ground in that Block, the Builder insisted on placing the house as it now stands, as he should then only take in, what his Deed gave him, and as he only intended it for a temporary Building, that he would remove it back to the line of the Street, when directed; but that afterwards [177] *wards,* he erected a Chimney, and finished it for a Dwelling house—The undersigned is of opinion, that the Common Council may with propriety, order it to be removed from off the Street

(Signed) Jno M^cComb S^t Com^r

which was approved, and ordered that the said House be removed on or before the first day of May next ensuing

The Comptroller presented a communication, respecting the disposing of a small piece of ground on the Easterly side of Nassau Street, between Pine and Wall Streets, about three feet wide, and seventy or eighty feet long, the remainder of a lot taken to widen Nassau Street; which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

The Comptroller presented the following Statement of Sales of Corporation Property made on the Twelfth Instant, under the direction of the Ferry Committee:

at Brooklyn

House and Lot of Ground N° 13—at $230 per ann. to John Gildersleave

[178] Lot of Ground N° 12.....at $120 to John Garrison
" " " 14..... 50 " John Bedell
" " " 16..... 80 " Henry Post J^r
" " " 17..... 20 " Ditto
" " " 18..... 55 " G. C. Langdon

The above were formerly held by Burdet Stryker, re-entered on for rents unpaid, and sold on the same terms at which he possessed them, viz. The House and Lot No. 13 was now leased for three years from 1^st May last, the rent to commence First of August Lots No^s

12. 14. 16. 17. 18. were leased for three years from First of May last, to be renewed at the end of that term for Fourteen years, at such rent as shall then be agreed on, with a condition for a further renewal of Twenty one years thereafter—These leases are on the same footing with those which were leased in the Spring of Eighteen hundred and thirteen, and will expire at the same time The Dock and Wharfage of the inside of the two Piers contiguous to the above Lots were let for Three years from First of May last at Sixty five Dollars per ann—to William Cutting—The purchaser of Lot N° 16. is to have the Wharfage of the Northeast side of the Pier, and the use of the water [179] in front of his Lot, for Three years from First of May last—The purchaser of Lot N° 17 is to have the right of the water in front of said Lot for Three years from First of May last—No slaughter house is to be erected on any of the Lots, nor any wood placed on either of the Piers—The Apartment at Washington Market was leased for Four years from First of May Eighteen hundred and seventeen, rent payable quarterly, to commence the First of August, at One hundred and seventy Dollars per ann. to John Hutton—The House and about one and three quarters Acres of Land at Hallett's Point, Long Island, which is attached to Horn's Hook ferry, was leased for Four years from First of May last, at Fifty Dollars per ann. to John E. Van Antwerp—The above Property will produce an annual rent of Eight hundred and forty Dollars

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

which was directed to be filed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances on the Premises of the following Persons, which were passed

[180] Israel D. Disosway	Owner	11	Birmingham	S^t	a Privy
John Course	Occp^t				
P. Schemerhorn J^r	Owner	9	New	"	"
B. Cromwell	Occp^t				
L. Kip Esq.	Owner	179	Washington	"	"
A. Rider	Occp^t				
S^l Butler	Lessee & "	125	Bancker	"	"
Ja^s Gibbs & Hall	" & "	127	"	"	"
B. Robinson Agent to the Estate of Hu. Gaine Dec^d			Orange	"	Lot
W^m Lawrence Agent to D. Lynch Esq.		142	Hester	"	"
W^m Lawrence Agent to D. Lynch Esq.		144	"	"	"

Cornelius Vredenbergh	Owner	22	Anthony	St	Lot
John. R. Livingston Esq.	"	24	"	"	"
Ditto	"	26	"	"	"
Ditto	"	28	"	"	"
Ditto	"	30	"	"	"
Josh D. Fay Esq.	"	32	"	"	"
John Elliott	"	34	"	"	"
Michl Van. Beuren	"	36	"	"	"
Josh Strong	"	39	"	"	"
Heirs of Josh Marshall Decd S. Thompson Agent			Water St		"
Heirs of G. Codwise Decd D. Codwise Agent			"		"
[181] Catharine Schemerhorn	"		"		"
Samuel Stilwell	"		"		"
Thomas Payne	"		"		"

(Signed) George Cuming City Inspr

The Counsel presented a Grant of a Water Lot on the West Side of Rutger's Slip to the Heirs of Thomas Buchanan deceased; and also a Grant of a Water Lot near Crane Wharf to Elizabeth Underhill,* both of which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented a Grant of a Water Lot to Henry Rutgers, extending from Rutger's Slip to Clinton Street, and from the South side of Water Street to the North side of South Street, which was directed to be duly executed—He also informed that Colonel Rutgers and Mrs Banker offer to release to the Corporation so much of their ground, as will make Clinton Street Sixty feet wide from Cherry Street to South Street; which offer was directed to be accepted

The Counsel on the Petition of James Vincent [182] reported, that Vincent had leased a Lot as stated in his Petition, but had not taken out his Lease, and the Counsel recommended that the Lease issue to James Flinn agreeably to Petitioner's prayer; which was approved, and the lease directed to issue accordingly

The Counsel on the subject of a Lease to Leonard Fisher, reported, That on the Twenty first of October last, a lease was ordered to be made out to Leonard Fisher for a small lot of ground in William Street: that shortly thereafter, Mr Fisher was notified that it was necessary to furnish a map of the Premises: that on the Fifteenth of November, a Map was made by Adolphus Loss, who signed himself C. Surveyor—A lease was therefore reported to the Board with that

* Marginal note reads *Vacated & another—directed see page 309.*– Ed.

map attached Prior to its' being delivered, the Counsel came to the knowledge of the fact that Adolphus Loss was not one of the City Surveyors—M[r] Fisher was thereupon informed of it, and that he could not have a Lease until he furnished a Map made by a City Surveyor; and altho' he has been repeatedly informed [183] of the necessity of furnishing such a Map, yet he has not done it—The Counsel therefore respectfully recommends, that unless M[r] Fisher shall forthwith furnish a Map of the Premises, in pursuance of the regulation of the Board, and take out his lease, that the Comptroller be instructed to lease the Lot to some other Person

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

which was approved

The Counsel, to whom was referred the Resolutions respecting the working the Avenues, presented a Report, which was directed to be referred to the Committee on that subject, viz[t] Aldermen Smith—Coles—Mess[rs] Akerley—Kip—Allen

The Alms House Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Woodward and Adriance, Assistant Keepers of the Penitentiary for an encrease of Pay, reported in their favour, and that they be allowed Four hundred and fifty Dollars per annum, and their pay to commence from the time of the appointment of the present Keeper; which was approved

[184] The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Ammy Chace and Elizabeth Coddington, reported, That in the opinion of the Committee, it will be improper to grant the prayer of the Petitioners, inasmuch as it would be establishing a precedent, that might lead to unpleasant occurrences by opening a door for applicants claiming the right of remission, on the plea of it's having been granted to others—The Committee have their doubts also, whether the Corporation can with propriety remit Assessments of this nature, inasmuch as the amount assessed is a legal debt due to those who have been damaged by opening and improving the said Street, and the Corporation, are in fact, only the Agents for the Parties concerned in collecting and distributing the amount thus assessed—The Committee recommend therefore, that the Petitioners respectively, have leave to withdraw their Petitions

(Signed) Stephen Allen.
" Eldad Holmes.
" Arthur Burtis.
" John. B. Coles.
" Sam[l] Stevens.

which was approved, and leave given accord- [185] ingly to Petitioners to withdraw their Petitions

The Committee on the Petition of John. R. Livingston reported as their opinion, that the Ordinance should be complied with, but that the time should be extended to the First of October next; which was approved

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of the French Benevolent Society, reported, that in their opinion, the Prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted: they are fearful however, that unpleasant feelings will be excited by denying a request, which has so frequently been granted by their Predecessors, and therefore respectfully claim the attention of the Board to some of the reasons which have influenced their opinion—The utility of the numerous Institutions established for the ostensible purpose of relieving the Poor is doubted by the Committee—It is believed, that the dependence placed by the Poor on the relief afforded by these Institutions, is a great and leading cause of Pauperism, inducing them to [186] neglect all provision for the future, by dissipating what they earn, beyond their present necessities, in tipling and idleness: The consideration, that in the event of sickness or death, their family may be left to the support of some Charitable Society, may not have sufficient influence on their minds to deter them from spending all they earn, beyond the necessities of the moment, at a Tavern: yet, were they assured, that in either of these cases, their wives and children would be left to starve, or be fed by casual bounty, they might be induced to hesitate in thus dissipating their earnings—The limited resources of the Corporation appropriated to the support of the Poor, in consequence of a large retrenchment by the Legislature, from the duties on Sales at Auction, is a sufficient reason, in the opinion of the Committee, for refusing, at this time, the prayer of the Petitioners—It is a question, also, which merits the attention of the Board, whether under any circumstances, the money paid by our Citizens for the support of the Poor, ought to be applied to any object, except through the regular channel of the Commissioners of the Alms House

[187] Under these Considerations, it is recommended, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" Eldad Holmes.
" Arthur Burtis
" John. B. Coles

which was approved

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Samuel Evans, reported; That in the lease of the Ferry to Rodman Bowne, there is a reservation on the part of the Corporation of the right of establishing a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street or its vicinity to the Wallabout—This reservation, the Committee are of opinion, would not warrant the Corporation in granting the prayer of the Petitioner, They are however of opinion, that the Public would be convenienced by establishing a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street, or its vicinity to the Wallabout, and therefore respectfully recommend that a lease be granted in pursuance of the above mentioned reservation

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes.
" J. Warren Brackett

which was approved—Alderman Buckmaster [188] presented a Resolution on the subject, which was read, and laid on the Table

The Committee on Wharves, upon the Petition for a Pier to be run out at Gouverneur's Slip, presented a Report, which was referred back to the same Committee, to report as to the probable expense of said Pier—The same Committee were also requested to report as to the terms, upon which the grants on the West side, were made

The Committee of Wharves on the Petition respecting Piers at the Basin near Washington Market, reported; That they have viewed the situation of the Piers and Slips at the Washington Market: that in consequence of a Bulkhead being sunk at the entrance, commonly called Varick's basin, at the foot of Dey Street, precludes about thirty Market boats from being accommodated as formerly in that Basin—Besides being excluded from the adjacent Slips by the sinking of a Bulkhead to complete the line of West Street along the Hudson River agreeable to an Ordinance of this Board—Your Committee have taken the same into serious [189] consideration, and recommend, for the accommodation of the Market Boats and the public good, that the Pier at the foot of Fulton Street, North side of the Washington Market be extended to the permanent line in the Hudson River, and that the Street Commissioner be authorized to have the same carried into effect, either by contract, or by day's work—The completion of this Pier will only require two Blocks without the ell

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes

which was approved

The Committee of wharves on the Petition of the Executors of P. P. Van Zandt, reported:

Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted for one year longer to August Eighteen hundred and eighteen

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" Geo. Buckmaster

which was approved

The Committee of Wharves on the Petition of Matthias B. Tallmadge, reported,

[190] Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted for one year longer, to August, Eighteen hundred and eighteen

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" Geo. Buckmaster

which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of Jacob Halsey, reported; That the Corporation contracted with Jacob Halsey for building a Pier at Catharine Slip, and that there is still due him upon that Contract, Seven hundred and sixteen Dollars and forty six cents, which of course the Corporation is liable to pay—John. R. Murray is liable in pursuance of his grant to pay one half the expense of making that Pier, to the Corporation; which he can be compelled to pay upon pain of forfeiting his Water privileges—The undersigned therefore, are of opinion, that a Warrant should issue in favour of Jacob Halsey for the above mentioned amount (Signed) Ogden Edwards
" G. N. Bleecker Compt^r
" Jn^o M^cComb, S^t Com^r

which was approved, and a Warrant directed [191] to be reported therefor, which was done this evening

The Committee on the Petition for opening Henry Street, reported, That they have examined the situation of the Property along said Street, where it is required to be opened, and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted; wherefore your Committee propose the following Resolution—Resolved that the Counsellor of the Board be directed to make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners to open Henry Street, and widen the same to Sixty feet, from Clinton Street to the intersection of Henry Street with Grand Street (Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Samuel Akerley

whereupon the Counsel was directed to take legal measures for opening the same

The Commissioners of the Alms House—on the Petition of the Grand Lodge for a room in the old Alms House, reported, That they have duly considered the said application, and are unanimously of opinion, that the said Rooms [192] cannot be disposed of in the manner requested by the applicants, without much inconvenience and disadvantage to the Public

Signed by order of the Commissioners

Peter Stagg Secretary

which was approved

The Committee on Arts and Sciences on the Petition of John Edwards, and on the Resolution respecting Weights and Measures, reported—That they have taken the subject into consideration, and enquired into the operation of the Ordinance of the Corporation entitled, "A. Law respecting Weights and Measures" passed Fifth of May Eighteen hundred and seventeen, and are of opinion that the provision of the first Section of that law is oppressive upon many of our Citizens, and ought to be altered or repealed: Wherefore your Committee beg leave to introduce the following Ordinance, to correct the evil complained of, viz.

"A Law to amend the Ordinance entitled a Law respecting "Weights and Measures"

Sec: 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, &c

That all persons using Weights, Measures, or Scale Beams in weighing or measuring any [193] article for sale in the City of New York, shall cause such Weights, Measures, and Scale beams to be sealed and marked by a Sealer of Weights in the said City; and if any Person or Persons shall use any Weight, Measure, or Scale beams not so sealed and marked, in weighing or measuring any article for sale within this City, every such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of Fifty Dollars, for each and every such offence

Sec: 2. And be it further ordained, &c That the first section of the Law hereby amended, be, and is hereby repealed

(Signed) Samuel Akerley
" John Remmey
" Arthur Burtis
" Ogden Edwards
" Thomas. R. Smith

which was approved; the Ordinance reported by the Committee passed, and directed to be published—The subject of Weights and Measures

was also referred to the same Committee for their further consideration

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred a communication from John Randel Jun^{r} praying compensation [194] for services in taking the elevations of Monuments, &c, presented a Report, which was read, and laid on the Table

A Proposal from John Randel Jun^{r} to execute by contract, a Map of the City, was read, and referred to Aldermen Munson Coles Smith

The Counsel, to whom was referred to report the state of the proceedings relative to the opening of Franklin Square, reported verbally, that he understood from the late Counsel, that the proceedings were before the Supreme Court, and no longer under the control of this Board

Alderman Underhill presented the following

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to advertise for proposals to fill by contract the Basin, South side of Washington Market commonly called Varick's Basin on the Hudson river, and that he enter into a Contract to have the same filled up—which Resolution was agreed to

[195] Alderman Coles called up the Ordinance respecting paving State Street presented on the Eighth of July Eighteen hundred and sixteen; and he moved a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner at the time the Street is paved, to widen the Street agreeably to the Resolution of the Board of the Ninth of October Eighteen hundred and fifteen—On the question of agreeing to the Resolution, it passed in the Negative—The Ordinance for repaving State Street from Marketfield Street to Whitehall Street was then passed: and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

On motion of Alderman Burtis, it was referred to a Committee to consider how far the present mode of regulating the price of Bread by Assize, was beneficial to the Community and to report their opinion thereon to the Board—The Committee appointed Aldermen Burtis—Coles—M^{r} Taylor

M^{r} Akerley presented a Resolution respecting the cession by Henry Rutgers of certain Lots, to widen Harman Street, which was read [196] and laid on the Table

Resolved that the Committee on Public lands be requested to provide a room in the Hall for the use of N. Jarvis Collector of Assessments on Canal Street

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that all Persons entitled to Grants of Water Lots between the State

Prison and the Battery, and between Seventh Street on the East River and the Battery be, and they are hereby required to take them out prior to the First day of November next

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 30th June	43.36
Received for Tavern Licenses	519.40
" " Tax	850.91
" " Canal Street	500.
" " Excise	200.
" " Streets	5016.31
" " Rents	2249.82
" " Vendue Sales	2083.33
	$11.463.13

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued [197] for the payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch 1st District	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2nd "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3rd "	413.
J. Radcliff Esq. Mayor—1 Qr Saly—18th Inst	1750.
John Bedient—Coroner's fees 1 Qr 1st "	455. 6
Abm Dally 1 American Ensign for Battery	90.
Mercantile Advertiser—6 Mo Subscripn 1st Inst	75.
R. F. Muller—Int on Bond—6 Mo 3d "	280.49
Peter Bonnett " " " 6 " 3d "	97.54
Isaac Halsey Acct regulatg Rivington St	600.
Archd Dunlap—Award for Cliff St	589.64
J. McComb St Comr—to pay Commissnrs & Counsel. wideng & improvg Water St	368.19
Tho. Scott—balance pavg Fulton St	64.35
Richd Moran—repairing Intersections	36.97
Abm Storms accot Bulkhead Crane Wharf	800.
Jacob Halsey—balce due on J. R. Murrays proportion Pier West side of Catharine Slip	716.46
Thos Barnum—Inspectg Pier foot of Cedar St	79.
Jacob Frost—repairg—Docks Peck Slip & Fly Market—Corpn ½	16.75
J. McComb St Comr to pay Balance due Counsel on 13th Street	100.
Jacob. P. Roome—Superintendent for Repairs	1100.
[198] Richard Furman Supert Alms House	2000.
	$11.433.20
Balance	$29 93/100

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight

[199] In Common Council July 28th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles.	Saml Stevens.
Jos W. Brackett.	Wm Stone.
Anthy L. Underhill.	John Remmey.
Eldad Holmes.	Saml Akerley.
Thomas. R. Smith.	Jacob. B. Taylor.
Robert McQueen.	Stephen Allen
George Buckmaster.	
Arthur Burtis.	
George. B. Thorp.	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Albany Basin near the foot of Cedar Street, adding their solicitations to those of former Petitioners, that a Middle Pier may be run out in said Basin—was read, and referred to the Committee, on Wharves &c

[200] A Petition that Orange Street, between Pump and Hester Streets may be regulated and paved: was read, and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Front Street that a Basin may be constructed on the East River between James Street and Roosevelt Street: was read, and referred to the Committee on Wharves and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Henry Van Pelt, to be appointed Inspector of Pavements; was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions of Archibald Gracie for permission to construct a Vault in front of his new house in State Street—of Joseph Skinner, and John Coit for Vaults in Fulton Street—and of Benjamin Bartram for Vault South side of White Street; were read, and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Request of Joshua Jones for a Water grant for Lot next to the corner of Dover Street, for which, Petitioner states he made application [201] in the Year Eighteen hundred and twelve; was read, and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the Neighbourhood of Rutgers and Lombardy Streets, remonstrating against the Petition for filling in and regulating Lombardy Street above Rutgers Street, was read

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the Petition for

regulating and paving Lombardy Street between Rutgers and Jefferson Streets, reported in favour of the Petition, which was approved, and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of James Johnston Lessee of a Cellar under Washington Market, praying to be permitted to construct a chimney thro' the floor of the Market; was read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of certain Inhabitants in Pearl Street, complaining of House N° 38 Pearl Street and at the Northwest corner of Pearl and Broad Streets, as being in a very offensive [202] state; was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward, and Street Commissioner, with authority to direct the Nuisance to be abated

A Petition of James McLaughlin for a license as a Cartman, was read and rejected

A Memorial of the Butchers of the Collect Market, and of the Inhabitants in the vicinity, praying that a new Market may be erected on the Corporation Ground South of Hester Street; was read and referred to the Committee on that subject, viz: Aldermen and Assistants of the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Wards

A Petition of John Carpenter Junr for Stall N° 1. or 3. in Grand Street Market: was read, and granted

A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Spring Street Market, praying that Piers may be run out, and a Basin established at that place; was read, and referred to the Committee on Wharves; Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward; and Street [203] Commissioner

A Petition that the paving of that part of Hudson Street, lately opened into Chamber Street, may be delayed for some time: was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with authority to delay the same

A Petition of Ralph Duncan for appointment of Guager was read, and granted on his surrendering his Commission as Weighmaster

A Petition of the Medical Society for the use of a room in the Hall for their Quarterly Meetings; was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands

A letter from Major General Scott of the United States Army, commanding on this Station, stating his wish to erect two Offices on the ground granted to the United States at the Battery; was read, and referred to Messrs Stevens—Allen—Alderman Coles—Counsel

[204] A Petition of William Vincent for a Cartman's license for his Son, a Minor, was read and rejected

A Report by the United German Lutheran Churches, of the disposition of the School money allotted to them, dated Twelfth of July Eighteen hundred and Seventeen, was read and ordered to be filed

A Petition of David Whitehead for some appointment; was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

An Application for the appointment of Public Porters, to attend the Steam Boats on their arrival; was referred to the same Committee

An Application of Herman Vosburgh to assign by way of Mortgage to the Washington Insurance Company the Lease held by him of N° 53 Chatham Street, was referred to the Comptroller with authority

A Petition of John Sampson for Stall N° 6. Spring Street Market; was referred to the Market Committee

[205] A Petition of Uzal. W. Freeman for payment of a Map of part of Fifth and Ninth Wards, made by order of the Corporation; was read, and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller

A Petition of Sarah Taylor to be permitted to exhibit a small luminous sign in front of her house of the Sale of Soda Water. was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition from Elsy Goble, and of Martin. C. Ramsay for pecuniary relief, were read, and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition was received from Cornelius. D. Clark of the County of Rockland, stating that he had invented a Water wheel, which will supply itself with water so as to turn Wheels for Mills and other purposes, and praying the use of some Public Grounds on the Margin of either of the Rivers to exhibit his Machinery to the Public; was read, and referred to the Committee on [206] Arts and Sciences

A Petition of George M^cKay and others, that George Street may be named Court Street; was read, and laid on the Table

A Petition of Benjamin Romaine for permission to erect a Lime House in Hudson Street; was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, and Street Commissioner, with authority to grant

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following Persons: which were passed

Mrs M. Spraggs	Owner	34	New	Street.	Lot
C. Elliot	Occpt				
Wm Few	Owner		Grand	"	"
Alexr Fink	"		Eldridge	"	"
Alexr L. Stewart	"		Sullivan	"	"
Robt R. Hunter	"	112	Reed	"	"
Ernest Keyson	"		Mott	"	"
Widow Franklin	"				
Geo. Ferris	Agent		"	"	"
Geo. Suckley	Owner		Elizabeth	"	"
Wm Lang	Agent				
[207] Stephen. N. Bayard	Owner		"	"	"
Jas Dawson	"		Clark	"	Privy
A. Stagg	"	99	Attorney	"	"
Wm Aikins	Occpt				
Geo. Englehart	Owner	3	Chatham	"	"
B. McGaraghan	Occpt				
Jno J. Astor	Owner				
N. Jarvis	Agent	74	Hudson	"	"
John Lewis	Occpt				
J. A. Mildeberger	Owner		Stanton &		
D. Gross	Occpt		Orchard	"	"
David Sternberg Junr	Lessee & Occpt	147	Water	"	"

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, recommending the extending the paving of the Carriage way of Broadway from Prince to Bleecker Street; which was approved, and he was directed to report an Ordinance therefor—He accordingly reported an Ordinance for the same, which was passed, and Jacob. C. Mott, John Brower, and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

He also recommended, that Walker Street should be regulated from Broadway to Collect [208] Street; which was approved, and he was directed to report an Ordinance—He accordingly reported an Ordinance, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood, and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Cross Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the Petition for paving Spring Street, reported in favour of the Petition, which

was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to report an Ordinance—He accordingly presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Spring Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead at West Street; which was passed, and Jacob. C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine, and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors

The Committee on the Petition for naming the range of Houses opposite the Bowling Green "Bowling Green," and numbering them from the East at the corner of Whitehall, reported in favour of the Petition, which was [209] approved; and the Superintendent of Repairs directed to cause the houses to be numbered accordingly

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Comp N° 3

John Burchan—Chairmaker—63 Pearl S^{t} 1st W^{d}
vice Jacob Van Winkle—Resigned

Nathan^{l} F. Townsend—Cabinetmaker—65 Pearl S^{t} 1 W^{d}
vice Ira. C. Day—Remov'd from City

Fire Engine Comp N° 39

Robert Bartow—Account^{t}—73 Gold S^{t}—2^{d} Ward
vice Dan^{l} Hasbrook—Resigned

The Canal Committee on the subject of regulating Canal and Collect Streets, presented a report, which was referred back to them with a request to report the distance, which the Water can be carried on the surface of the Streets; the length and size of the Sewer, the cost of filling and paving, and making the Sewer, and the means of raising the money for completing the same

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the subject of a Petition for regulating the Streets in Greenwich Village, reported, [210] That in their opinion, it will be most for the interest of that part of Greenwich, that Hudson, Christopher, and Hammond Streets be first dug out and regulated, agreeably to a profile which has been lately adopted by the Committee, to whom the regulation of Greenwich was referred—They therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare Ordinances for the regulation of Hudson, Christopher, and Hammond Streets, and that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to cause the present Drain in Hammersley Street to be repaired, so as to carry off the water, until the

Corporation can make arrangements for constructing a new one through Clarkson Street. &c

(Signed) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

which Report was approved

The same Committee on the Petition for paving White Street, presented a report, which was read, and laid for consideration

The same Committee on the Petition that Cross Street may be straitened from Coulthard's [211] Brewery, presented a Report—A remonstrance from Jacob Lorillard in behalf of the Infant Children of Blaze Lorillard against said measure, was read—The Report of the Committee, being read, was as follows,

That they have viewed the Premises, and are of opinion, that the improvement asked for, would, if carried into effect, add very much to the convenience of Persons residing in that District of the City, and to the value of Property that might be subject to bear the expenses of such improvement—The Committee would further state, that in their opinion, the ground taken from the present Street on the one side will nearly compensate for the ground and improvements thereon that would be required to be taken from the opposite side, and leave at most but a small balance to be assessed on the Neighbourhood—They therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the Counsel to this Board be instructed to take measures to have the same carried into effect

(Signed) Eldad Holmes.
" John Remmey.
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

whereupon it was Resolved that the Report [212] of the Committee be approved, and that the Counsel take the legal steps for effecting the Same

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of D. S. Jones late Counsel, on the subject of the claim of Peter. H. Schenck in relation to the widening and improving Maiden Lane, reported,

That on examination, they find the facts in that communication correctly stated, and therefore refer to them as explanatory of the question in hand—They also find, that the sum of Eight Thousand, Three hundred and fifty seven Dollars, awarded to be paid by M^r Schenck to the Corporation for that improvement, is due from him with interest from the Thirty first day of July Eighteen hundred and twelve:

the award having made the same payable in Thirty days from the date thereof, which was on the First of July in the same year—Should that sum be collected and received by this Board, the Corporation would gain by the operation to that amount, which would be again assessed back, and wholly paid by Persons deemed to be benefitted by the im- [213] provement—Your Committee think this would be unjust and in every view improper—They therefore, are constrained to recommend that the sum so due from Mr Schenck should be relinquished in favour of those, who have to bear the burthen of that improvement, as it would thus go to relieve the Weight of the assessment, which is rendered necessary to meet the sum allowed to Mr Schenck by the present Commissioners—In this inquiry, your Committee have had to contend with a more difficult point: by the award alluded to, Mr Schenck was allowed the full amount of the assessment imposed on his Property in that vicinity for the improvement, as a deduction from the value of the property ceded to him by the Corporation: they leaving the whole of his former Property there greatly benefitted, but unassessed; while the Property of others had paid a heavy Assessment—Whether his Property could be so assessed, as to put it on an equal footing with that of others in the Neighbourhood, we considered a question of some delicacy and moment; but, after due inquiry, we are of opinion, that such discrimination is not authorized by law, and that it is now im- [214] practicable—Mr Schenck has however declared to one of your Committee, that in case of the relinquishment of the before mentioned sum for the purpose before stated, he should make no further opposition to the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners

We, therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the sum of Eight Thousand Three hundred and fifty seven Dollars due to this Corporation from Peter. H. Schenck, with interest from the Thirty first day of July Eighteen hundred and twelve, be relinquished in favour of those, who have to bear the assessment for widening and improving Maiden Lane; and that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment be authorized to deduct that sum from the sum assessed on the Persons deemed benefitted by that improvement, and to complete their report on such basis

(Signed) J Warren Brackett
" Saml Stevens,
" O. Edwards

which Report was agreed to

The Committee on the Petition of Michael Allison and Peter Alli-

son, praying remission of fine [215] incurred, reported in favour of Petitioners on their paying the Costs incurred, which was approved

The Attorney on the Petition of John Brown, reported, That the complaint against the said Brown was fully investigated and examined on the trial in the Third Ward Assistant Justice's Court: that the testimony was very clear and decisive, and altho' the Captain of the Wood Boat, whose affidavit is produced by Brown, was not examined as a Witness on the trial, he is of opinion as well as the Justice of the Third Ward that the matter stated in said affidavit, would not have altered the circumstances of the case—That he is unacquainted with the circumstances of the said Brown, except what is stated in the Petition of the said Brown

(Signed) A. Sherman

which was approved

The Committee on the Petition respecting a Market in the Eighth Ward, and at Collect Street, presented a Report, which was returned for informality, a Majority not having [216] signed it—Mr Allen then presented a Resolution directing a Committee to purchase a piece of land bounded by Grand, Orange, Collect, and Broome Streets, and to erect thereon a Market—After some discussion, it was referred to the Committee on that subject, with the addition of Mr Kip who was appointed on said Committee

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of Monies paid by Quakers for exemption from military duty, which by law were to be paid to the Chamberlain of the City, but which had not been paid to him; which being read was referred to the Committee on Laws and Counsel

The Committee on the request of the Commissioners of the Alms House for ground whereon to erect a stable, presented a Report, which was referred back to them for further consideration

The Counsel presented a lease to Leonard Fisher for a small lot of Ground in William Street, adjoining No 125: also Leases of the following Lots and houses at Brooklyn

[217] House and Lot No 13 to John Gildersleave
Lot 12 " John Garrison
Lot 14 " John Bedell
Lot 18 " John Langdon

which were directed to be duly executed

The Ferry Committee presented a Communication, recommending an application to the Legislature for authority to regulate the number

and dimensions of sail Boats on the Ferries, and to allow to Boats propelled by Horses the same rate of Ferrage allowed to Steam Boats: which was read, and laid for consideration

The Comptroller presented an Indenture of Release for Quit rent on Water Lot near the Old Slip granted Twelfth of May Seventeen hundred and ninety two to Isaac Roosevelt, and commuted for by Henry. A. Coster, Allen McDougall, and James Patterson, which was directed to be duly executed

The Attorney on the Petition of George Smith, reported, That the circumstances of this case are these—Smith was complained [218] of for dealing in second hand furniture without a license—a suit was commenced in the Justice's Court of this City, and tried before a Jury, who, after hearing the evidence and circumstances of the case, found a verdict against the said Smith, on which a judgment was entered for Fifty Dollars, being the Penalty mentioned in the Ordinance—The Jury however, on account, as is presumed, of the low circumstances of the said Smith, requested that he might be recommended to the favour of the Corporation—Under these circumstances, the Attorney submits to the Board the propriety of mitigating the amount of the said judgment

respectfully submitted

(Signed) A. Sherman

whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted on the Petitioner paying all costs

[219] Alderman Munson presented a Resolution respecting the Lands at Harlaem Commons, which was referred to Aldermen Munson—Brackett—Mr Akerley—and Counsel

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take up the subject of Common Lands commonly called Harleam Commons, and that said Committee confer with the Inhabitants of the Town of Harlaem on said subject, and report to this Board

Mr Allen presented the following

Resolved that the Comptroller address a note to the several Assistant Justices, and the Justices of the Justice's Court of the City of New York, requesting information from each of them, whether any, and if any, what amount of fines has been received by their Courts respectively from Persons regularly summoned as Jurors, or subpœned as Witnesses, who have not appeared, or refused to serve as such: and why said fines, if any have been received, have not been paid to the Chamberlain of the City for the use of the Poor thereof, as directed by the Statute of this State—which was agreed to.

[220] Mr Akerley presented the following

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be directed to make application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners to widen Harman Street on the South side Thirty three feet from Grand Street to the opening of said Harman Street into Chatham Square, according to the late report of the Committee, to whom the subject of opening said Street was referred, upon condition of the grounds for opening the said Street being absolutely conveyed to the Corporation—which was approved

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the. Treasury 14th Inst	29.93
Received for Tax	452.94
" " Canal Street	2000.
" " 8th Avenue	800.
" " 10th "	200.
" " Rents	5896.32
" " Streets	6014.92
	$15.394.11

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch—1st Dist	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
[221] Bleakley & Brower—Watch—3d Dist	413.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 Mo 1 Augt	60.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspr " " "	54.
Obadiah Ayres " " " " " "	54.
Saml Hutchings Street " " " "	54.
Martling & Cozens—Corpn Dinner 4th July	646.50
Thos Brown—Band Music for Ditto	25.
B. Skaats for ringing Bells Ditto	20.81
G. Snethen—Superg & Lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 Augt	633.63
John Anderson accot Pier Dey Street	1798.43
Thos Barnum Superg " 24 dys to 26 July	48.
J. McComb—Overseer Public Roads for accot Repairs	400.
Gideon Tucker..accot makg Drain at Peck Slip	600.
Jas Meghan..accot pavg Broadway	500.
Abm Martling—Award for Hudson St	545.22
J. McComb. to pay Court Comrs & atty's fees. openg Washington St between Clarkson & Hamersley Streets	249.97
John Culbert—repavg Slote Lane	141.54
Geo. Allison..Award for Hudson St on a/c	700.
Thos W. Thorne—for ground not allowed by Commrs on Reed Street	60.
Thos Boyle—paving Intersections	21.85
Richd Moran " "	8. 6
Wm Roy " "	4. 3

[222] J. P. Roome—Supert Repairs—for repairs			2600.
Ditto	"	" to pay for Timber for Pier No 1	700.
Ditto	"	" for repairs to Lamps	175.
L. S. Burling—redemptn Bills Credit			2000.
Richd Furman Supert Alms House			1000.
			$15.313.79
Balance			$80 32/100

[223] In Common Council August 11th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor. President

A Quorum not appearing, the Members present adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10. O.clock. A. M.

In Common Council. August 12th 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles	Saml Jones Junr
Joseph Warren Brackett	Saml Stevens
Anthony. L. Underhill	Wm F. Vn Amringe
Eldad Holmes	Wm Stone
George Buckmaster	Jno Remmey
Arthur Burtis	Jacob. B. Taylor
George. B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

[224] A Petition of Peter Utt, that the lease of the room upper part of Washington Market may be transferred to him, and a license given him to keep a Tavern and Victualling room therein; was read and referred to the Market Committee and Comptroller

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that a Well corner of Lewis and Stanton Streets might be completed; was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to comply with the request of Petitioners

A complaint of a number of the Inhabitants of the first Ward against the vulgar and indecent conduct of the Night Scavengers; was referred to the City Inspector

A communication was received from John Randel Junr, stating that he had taken the elevations of all the Monuments on the First, Third, Eighth, and Tenth Avenues, South of Hundred and fifty fifth

Street, for which, by contract he was to receive Twenty five hundred Dollars: that he had deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office a Map containing the Profile and Elevations of the [225] same, and praying payment therefor—the same was accompanied by a certificate of the Street Commissioner, that on the Eleventh Instant, John Randel Jun^{r} had deposited in his Office a Map containing a Profile and elevation of the Monuments on the First, Third, Fifth, Eighth, and Tenth Avenues taken with a Sector of Fifty four inches radius—Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant. for Twenty five hundred Dollars for payment of the same

A Petition of sundry Owners of Lots, and of Inhabitants residing in Washington Street, praying that certain houses which project in the Street on the West side between Chamber and Warren Streets may be removed; was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

Petitions for a Well and Pump in Jay Street, and in Lawrence Street, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor

Petitions from Samuel Helms and Justus [226] Barnum for appointments to some Office under the Board, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Remonstrance of the Public Porters of the City against the appointment (as Porters) of Persons employed as Hands on board the Steam Boats was read and referred to same Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, that the unfinished part of the First Avenue may be immediately worked and regulated, particularly between North and Stuyvesant Streets, was read and referred to the Road Committee

A complaint of the situation of Mill Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Letter was received from Thomas Addis Emmett Esq, on behalf of M^{r} Mullanphy, stating that he had become Proprietor of the Wharf at foot of Courtlandt Street, part of the Estate of Jacob Wilkins deceased: that he understands the Corporation have made a Contract respecting the Wharf with M^{rs} Smyth the Executrix of M^{r} Wilkins, which Contract he informs, he [227] will not accede to: whereupon the same was referred to the Street Commissioner, Comptroller, and Counsel

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village, that Greenwich Street from Charlton Street to Bank Street may be regulated

and paved, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of Eighth and Ninth Wards, and Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Smith Wood Inspector, praying an alteration of the Ninth Inspection District, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward

A Petition of Claudius Redon, praying remission of a Penalty incurred by erecting through ignorance of the law, a Building which was deemed contrary to the Provisions of the Fire law, but which has since been made safe and free from danger of fire, was read; whereupon it was ordered, that said Petition be referred to the Street Commissioner, Attorney, and Fire Wardens of the Ward

[228] A Petition of William Jackson, stating that unfounded complaints have been made against him, for riding in the Streets faster than the law allows, and praying said suits, and complaints may be dismissed, was read, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw. his Petition

A Petition was presented from a number of Inhabitants, praying that a Cistern or Reservoir for Water, may be constructed in Mulberry Street in front of the Baptist Meeting House, to be used in cases of fire, accompanied with the consent of the Trustees of said church, that the waters which fall on the roof may be conducted into the said Cistern; which was read: An Ordinance directing the construction of a Cistern as prayed for, was presented by the Street Commissioner, and passed, wherein John Targee, Aquila Giles and David. S. Hubb were appointed Assessors

A Petition of Salem Wines to be permitted to obstruct the Street for a few hours, in launching a vessel: was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh [229] Ward, and Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A request from Reuben Ayres and Benjamin Hills Contractors for filling in the Corporation Basin at the foot of Fulton Street on North River, for permission to erect a small temporary Building on the ground, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward and Street Commissioner

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook and Ladder Comp N° 4

Gilbert Lewis—Innkeeper—21 Bowery—10th Wd vice John Horton —Resigned

John J. Gants—Shipwright—66 Pump St 10th Wd vice Richard Cornell—Removed to Brooklyn

Fire Engine Comp N° 22

Walter. F. Townsend—Merch^{t}—54 Pike S^{t} 7th Ward vice John Bishop—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp N° 24

Henry Ward—Cabinet Maker—79 Broad S^{t}—1. W^{d} vice John. T. Ball—Resigned

[230] Isaac Fairchild—Painter—Fly Market—2^{d} W^{d} vice Joseph Burrus—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp N° 28.

Thomas Harison—Butcher—Orange S^{t}—6 W^{d} vice Tho^{s} M^{c}Guire —Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N° 36.

Joseph Brundridge—Cartman—13 Spring S^{t}—8 W^{d} vice John. R. Post—Resigned

William Ryer Jun^{r}—Shoemaker—487 Greenwich 8 W^{d} vice Isaac Revere—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication

The Street Commissioner begs leave to represent to the Common Council, that agreeably to their directions, a Contract was formed for the purpose of regulating Anthony Street, (formerly Little Water Street) and the Contractor was going on to finish the work, when M^{r} John. R. Livingston, or some Person acting under him, erected a fence diagonally across the Street, so as to stop the progress of the work—It may be proper to remark, that about four years since, there was a range of Buildings belonging to M^{r} Livingston erected on the Line where he has now got the fence, and which was so evidently [231] an encroachment on Little Water Street; that they were suffered to fall into decay, and were removed, and the ground has since remained vacant—The Street Commissioner did intend to have removed this fence as a common incumbrance, but presuming that M^{r} Livingston by again enclosing the ground, means to defend it as his right—The Undersigned has therefore taken the liberty to lay the subject before your Honourable Board for further direction

(Signed) Jn° M^{c}Comb.
S^{t} Com^{r}

which communication was directed to be referred to the Counsel

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed—for regulating and paving Orange Street from Pump Street to Hester Street, in which John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood, and Aquila

Giles were appointed Assessors; and Ordinances for regulating Christopher Street: for regulating Hammond Street: and for regulating Hudson Street from Charlton Street to the Ninth Avenue; and for a Well and Pump in Cliff Street, in which Jacob C. Mott, [232] John Brower, and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

He also presented Assessments for repaving Mott and Water Streets, and for regulating and paving Bridge Street, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following Persons, which were passed .

D. Lynch Wm Lawrence	Owner Agent	142 & 144	Pump	St	Lot
John. McLean	Owner		White & Elm	"	"
A. Stockholm A. Fash	" Occpt	50	Cross	"	"
J. Nitchie J. White	Owner. Occpt	85	Pump	"	"
Danl Van Valen	Owner	18	White	"	"
Andrew Morris	"	242	Front	"	"
Grove Wright	"	10	Anthony	"	"
Wm Henderson Presdt Globe Insurance Compy			Broome	"	"
John. F. Cox John Sickels John Suydam	Owner Occpts		Forsyth	"	Privy
[233] Pk Meghan J. Chapman	Owner Occpt	72	Cross	"	"
C. Wismat J. R. Brady	Lessee Occpt		Washington & Jay	"	"
A. Bennett C. Groves	Owner Occpt	36	North Moore	"	"
Danl Morgan	Lessee & Occpt	202	Fulton	"	"
P. Meghan P. Barde	Owner Occpt	74	Cross	"	"
Murray & Bryce	Lessees & Occpts	141	Water	"	"
D. Wilkins S. Dunn	Owner Occpt	42	Provost	"	"
G. Janeway C. Wismat	Owner Occpt	19	Augustus	"	"

John McKay James McLaughlin	Owner Occpt	29	Lombardy	St	Privy
John. C. West P. Lozier	Owner Occpt	21	Thomas	"	"
Richard. R. Lawrence	Owner	31	Cliff	"	"
John Bingham M. Dulux	Owner Occpt	148	William	"	"
West	Owner	96	Anthony	"	Lot

(Signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspr

The Counsel presented Petitions to the Supreme Court for appointment of Commissioners [234] of Estimate and Assessment relative to Anthony and Henry Streets, and also a Petition to correct the rule for Bancker Street, which is erroneous in consequence of an error in the original Survey, which said Petitions were directed to be duly authenticated

He also presented the following, viz, a Lease for a House and Lot at Hallett's Point on Long Island to Samuel Blackwell Junr This Lot was leased at Auction to John. E. Van Antwerp, and is with his consent now made out to Blackwell—also Lease of two Lots of Ground at Brooklyn to William Cutting, which said Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel and Comptroller, to whom was referred the subject of allowing an additional compensation to the Assessors of the Tax, presented a Report—Whereupon—on motion of Alderman Brackett, it was resolved that Assessors who are elected shall be put on the same footing as Assessors, who are appointed, and their compensation shall be regulated by the same Ordinance

[235] The Committee of Applications on the Petition of David Whitehead for appointment as Deputy Street Commissioner, reported that there is at present no vacancy, and if there was, that the Petitioner is by no means a fit and proper Person to receive that appointment—which report was approved

The Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward on the Petition of John Dunleavy for the remission of a fine for selling liquor without license, reported in favour of Petitioner, which was approved, on his paying all costs

The Committee on the Petition of Owners of Property in Front Street, praying that the ground under water between James Slip and

Roosevelt Street, may be reserved for a Public Slip or Basin, reported, That they have examined the Premises, and are of opinion, that the Corporation ought to make a reservation of the water as petitioned for, to be kept for a public Slip or Basin, and to be taken for that purpose, when it shall be deemed expedient, as the improvements and population is [236] increasing fast in the upper Wards more accommodations will be wanting: at present they are but small, and in a short time no further improvements can be made on the East River from the Battery to Corlear's Hook, as considerable part of the distance is built out nearly to the permanent line—The Committee therefore are of opinion the Reservation ought to be made, as no grants have ever been given for any of the Waters to be taken

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes
" John McComb
Street Comr

which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Brick Church, presented a Report, which was read, and referred back to the same Committee for further consideration

The Committee on the subject of Grand Street Ferry, presented the following Report

The Committee recommend, that the Lease for a Ferry at Grand Street to Morrell's Point [237] on Long Island side be renewed, and offer the following—Resolved that the lease for a Ferry from Grand Street to Morrells Point on Long Island, be made to William Hunter, William Vail, and Thomas Morrell, and the Counsel of the Board be directed to make out said Lease on the following conditions—first: that the Lessees within six Months from the date hereof put upon the said Ferry, one good and sufficient Team Boat, and four Row Boats, and keep said Boats running and in good repair: and that said lease be made for Twenty one years from the First of May Eighteen hundred and fourteen, paying to the Corporation therefor, the yearly Rent of a pepper corn for the first Seven years: Seventy five Dollars per annum for the second Seven years: and One hundred and fifty Dollars per annum for the third Seven years: and the said above named Persons obligate themselves to keep on said Ferry from and after the first six Months, or as soon as the Public

good may require it, Two good and sufficient Team Boats to run on said Ferry during the term of said Lease

(Signed) Reuben Munson
[238] " Arthur Burtis
" Wm F. Van Amringe
" John. B. Coles

which was approved

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Major General Scott, presented a Report—The letter of General Scott was as follows:

Head Qrs 1st & 3rd Mil: Depts
Castle Clinton, July 16th 1817.

Sir,—

I propose to erect certain public Offices, for the U. States service, on the ground granted by the Corporation of N. York, immediately adjoining to the Guard houses, in front of this Castle, and of a style and height to correspond with those Buildings.

It is not apprehended, that any legal objection can be made to this proposition by the Corporation; nevertheless should other objections exist, they would be entitled to a respectful consideration

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
very respectfully,
Yr most Obt Servt
(Signed) Winfield Scott

To/.
His Honour
The Mayor
of N York

[239] The Report of the Committee was in the words following—That having had an interview with Col. Mullany on the part of the United States, your Committee learn from him, that the Offices contemplated to be erected by the Major General were Two One Story Wooden Buildings, each Thirty feet front, by Fifteen feet deep; of a style to correspond with the contiguous Guard Houses: to be built with an elegance of construction, which, in the opinion of the Gentlemen wishing their construction, would render them an ornament to the Battery—Your Committee have every wish and inclination to accommodate the United States, and it would be particularly agreeable to them, to coincide with the views of the distinguished Officer, who has the command of this Military Department, but they must nevertheless express a decided wish, that none of this ground, ceded to the United States, may be occupied with Public offices, however elegantly constructed—Your Committee would much prefer to see the Battery

extended, than in any manner built upon, or obstructed—From the intimation of Major General Scott in the communication above referred to, your [240] Committee consider it unnecessary to go minutely into the legal question arising out of the Grant of this Property to the United States: and they will only observe, that the Grant conveys the Premises in question to the United States, for the purposes of Fortifications, and they do not consider the occupation of the Premises with Public offices, as within the spirit or meaning of the Grant

(Signed) Samuel Stevens
" Jn° B. Coles
" Ogden Edwards
" Stephen Allen

which Report having been read, was approved

The Committee on Wharves, to whom it was referred to examine into the nature of the Grant to D^r Nicholas Romaine for the Water Lots on the Westerly side of Gouverneur's Slip, as also the probable expense of building a Pier at said Slip; reported

The Grant does not obligate the Grantee to make a Street or Wharf in front along the Slip, but as the Grant does not extend to the permanent line by about One hundred and ninety feet, and as the Property granted to [241] D^r Romaine is now in possession of A. & N. Brown should they take their Grant to the permanent line, a condition to make a Street may be added thereto—The Committee have received an Estimate from a Dockbuilder of the expense of a Middle Pier of Seventy feet in length, at Nineteen hundred and fifty Dollars, to consist of one Block and one Bridge—The Committee are induced to believe that the Board will not hesitate to direct such Pier to be built, when they compare the great public benefit with the small Sum which it will cost

(Signed) G. Buckmaster.
" A. L. Underhill.
" Eldad Holmes.
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

which was approved

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants; in relation to the sunken state of Pine and Water Streets, reported That they have examined into the cause of complaint, and find it well founded and in order effectually to remedy the evil complained of, the following method is

proposed [242] viz: that Pine Street be raised from Pearl to South Street, so as to carry the water above ground to the East River, and raise so much of Water Street and Front Street, as that they shall conform to the proposed regulation of Pine Street: your Committee have caused Profiles to be made of the aforesaid, shewing the elevation of the first floors above the Street, by which they find, that excepting two or three instances, no injury will be done to any Building on the Several Streets, and those few, the damages will be but trifling, as the Buildings are old and of little value: your Committee therefore in conformity with their opinion have prepared, and herewith present the draft of an Ordinance, which they recommend may be passed, in order that the object of the Petitioners may be carried into effect, and that important part of our City relieved from a grievous nuisance

(Signed) Eldad Holmes.
" John Remmey.
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

which Report was approved: the Ordinances therein recommended, passed: and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee, and Aquila Giles [243] were appointed Assessors

The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller presented the following: That they have examined the Account of Jacob. P. Roome Superintendent of Repairs, from March 6th to August 8th 1817, and find that he has received

By Warrants from the Corporation	$23.625.
For Sundry Articles sold, including old Roofs, Paving Stones, &c....	239.81
Balance due the Corporation on the last settlement, and now credited	40.23
	$23.905. 4
He has paid agreeably to Vouchers produced, 218 Accounts, amount..	23.670.63
Leaving a Balance due the Corporation	$234.41

To be carried to the credit of new Account

(Signed) Geo. B. Thorp
" Stephen Allen.
" W^m F. Van Amringe
" G. N. Bleecker. Compt^r

which was directed to be filed

The Communication presented at the last Meeting of the Board by the Ferry Committee was called up: one Resolution recommended [244] by said communication to be passed, was in the words following

Resolved that this Board will apply to the Legislature at the next Session, for a law granting the same rate of ferrage to Boats moved by Horse power, as is now allowed to Steam Ferry Boats

It was moved that the Board disagree to that part of the Report of the Committee the question being taken thereon, and a Division called, the Members voted as follows

Affirmative 8 Aldn Coles—Underhill Messrs Jones—Stevens Van Amringe—Stone Schieffelin—Allen

Negative 8 Aldn Brackett—Holmes—Thorp—Burtis—Munson Buckmaster Messrs Remmey—Taylor

The Board being equally divided, his Honour the Mayor gave his vote in the affirmative—Whereupon said Report was referred back to the same Committee with addition of the Counsel

Alderman Brackett presented a Resolution rescinding Second, Third, and Fifth Resolutions passed on the nineteenth of May, [245] which was read and laid on the Table

The Board agreed to visit the Establishment at Bellevue to morrow at 3. O. clock

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury July 28th	80.32
Recd for Rents	1921.20
" " Tavern Licenses	166.60
" " Canal Street	7000.
" " Streets	9754.27
" " Mayoralty fees	437.79
	$19.360.18

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch—1st Dist	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
J. Morton Clk C. C. & recg Clk—1 Qr 1st Inst	312.50
R. Graves..Asst St Comr 1 Qr 1st "	375.
Wm Hoghland Keeper Penitentv & 2 assts 1 Qr 1 Inst	509.50
G. Sickels Keeper City Prison & 2 assts 1 Qr 1st "	350.
Jonathan Weeden St Inspr 1 Mo 1st "	54.
Danl H. Magee—Keepers Potter's field 1 Mo 1st "	46.50
John Burger—regulatg Clocks 1 Qr 1s Augt	66.66
Thos P. Low Printg 1 Qr to 1s Inst	286.25
N. Philips—Subscriptn to Advocate 6 Mo 1s Inst	75.
[246] Reuben Stevens Postg Bills to 31. July	29.
Jacob Hays for 22 Officers at City Hall 4th July	33.
C. Jordan. Work at Lamps 3 Mo 1. Augt	26.62

Eliza Glover—Award for Thompson St	492.90
Chs Mooney Acct paving Cross "	300.
J. McComb St Comr to pay for Drain Peck Slip	349.68
Corlies. & May Acct flagging Broadway	1000.
Abm Storms..Balce Bulkhead Rutger's Slip	1532.88
Stephen Baxter—balce fillg public Yard Collect	444.79
Egbert Benson—2 Yr's Int on Bond 1s Inst	309. 6
Israel Haviland—Hose for Engines &c to 2d July	697.70
Abel. W. Hardenbrook. Acct Engines	1000.
Leond Bleecker—Treasr Free School Society Donation by Act April 5. 1817	2000.
J. P. Roome Supert Repairs—for Repairs	1000.
Ditto Do Do for Repairs Docks	700.
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	5000.
	$19.251.41
	$108 77/100

The Board then adjourned to meet on next Monday week at 4. O. clock

[247] In Common Council August 25th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esq. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jos Warren Brackett	Samuel Stevens
Anthy L. Underhill	Wm F. Vn Amringe
Thomas. R. Smith	William Stone
Arthur Burtis	Samuel Ackerley
George. B. Thorp	John Remmey
	Jacob. B. Taylor
	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The following Petitions for permission to construct Vaults in the Street, were read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant on the usual terms, vizt James. W. Robinson for Vault and Cistern in John Street—Joseph Lametti for a Vault at No 146 Chatham Street—John Pye for Vault in Bayard Street—of William Paulding Junr for Vault in Leonard Street [248] and of John Hone in Cliff Street

A Petition that Lewis Street may be regulated from Rivington to Stanton Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Petition from John. E. Van Antwerp to be released from purchase of lease of House at Halletts' Point, made by him from the Corporation, was read, and referred to the Counsel

A Petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others, praying that the Corporation would take upon themselves the charge of maintaining and upholding the Bridge over Haerlem Creek, &c, &c, was read, and referred to the Road Committee

A further Petition of Benjamin Hills and Reuben Ayres on the Subject of erecting a Wooden Building, was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their Petitions

[249] A Petition of Gerard Walton and George Corlis, stating that they have commenced building a House near Fly Market, without knowing that they were prohibited by any law, and requesting proceedings against them may be staid, and they permitted to proceed with their Buildings; which being read, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, with power to grant the prayer of the Petition

A Petition of Cornelius Fradenburgh for remission of fine for not filling in a Lot agreeably to an Ordinance, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Silvanus Conklin for appointment of Damage and Fence Viewer in the Ninth Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Salmon Tryon to be appointed to inspect the cleansing of the Streets, was read, and laid on the Table

[250] A Petition of Chester Jennings Keeper of City Hotel, for permission to keep the stepping Stone before his door, was read, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of William Carlisle Owner of a House at the corner of William and Frankfort Streets, and William Dutch and John Burrows House Carpenters, praying remission of Penalty for roofing said Building contrary to the Fire law, but which has since been made in conformity thereto, was read, and granted on payment of Costs

A Petition of James Hoylan for remission of fine, incurred by not removing a dead Horse from the Street, was read, and granted on payment of costs

Two Communications from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Duane Market, expressing their opinion that it was not improper that a Grocery Store should be kept in the Cellar of said Market, were read, and referred to the Market Committee to report

[251] A Petition of David M^cCarter, for permission to break

ground in Front Street between Dover and Roosevelt Streets (it being made ground) for the purpose of laying the foundation of a Building he intends to erect, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, with authority to grant the Prayer of Petition

A Petition of Lewis. A. Pickhard for permission to sink a Wooden Cistern in the Street to replace an old one, was read, and leave given to withdraw Petition

A Petition of Elisha Lyman in behalf of the Fishermen attending the Fly Market, stating that permission had been given by the Alderman of the Third Ward for a Ship owned by Jacob Barker to haul into said Slip, which vessel prevents the tide from flowing to the Cars, and thereby considerable quantities of their Fish have died, and praying said order may be revoked, and the Vessel removed, was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Ann Renouf to be permitted [252] to have a table for the sale of fruit, in front of the City Hall, was read and referred to the Committee on Public lands

A Petition of Samuel. M. Thompson, Thomas Streatfield Clarkson, and Richard. J. Tucker Owners of Lots on the North River between Morton and LeRoy Streets, praying Water Grants may be made to them upon the terms and conditions heretofore agreed to by the Board, was read, and referred to the Committee of Wharves and Comptroller

Upon a certificate from the Fire Wardens of the Third Ward, and of the Chief Engineer; certifying a vacancy in the Fire Wardens of that Ward, and that William Roe had been a Fireman Five years, the said William Roe was appointed Fire Warden in place of John Stoughtenbergh deceased—Upon a similar certificate, William Cahoone was appointed a Fire Warden of the Fifth Ward, in place of John. P. Groshon resigned

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

[253] Fire Engine Comp. N° 1.

Samuel Harrison—Mason—7 Leonard S^{t}—5th W^{d} vice Isaac Paul —Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. N° 11.

Charles Gregory—Merchant—68 Front S^{t} 1st W^{d} vice Randolph Drake—Removed from City.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of

Sundry Nuisances, on the Premises of the following Persons, which were passed

John Brown	Owner	74	Bancker	St	Privy
Ann Clark	Occpt				
John Brown	Owner	72	"	"	"
Sarah Davis	Occpt				
Albert Ogden	Owner	62	Pine	"	"
A. Blair	Occpt				
Albert Ogden	Owner	60	"	"	"
Isaac Tucker	Occpt				
Robt R. Hunter Esq	Owner	112	Reed	"	Lot
Michael Price	Owner				
Matthias Welsh	Occpt		Moore	St	"
Garrit Degroot	"				
Jonathan Kelly	"				
Thomas Morris	Owner	102	Broad	"	"
Jonathan Hatfield	"		Beach	"	"
Hugh Maxwell Esq	"		Prince & Mercer Streets		Lot
[254] A. Stockholm	Owner		Rivington & Suffolk Sts		a Lot
Peter Demarest	"	16	Leonard	St	"
Robt Ainslie	"		Sullivan	"	"
Anna Bancker	"	80 & 82	Henry	"	"
Wm B. Crosby	Agent				
Francis Child	Owner		Chapel	"	"
Charles DeBoise	"	95	"	"	"
Mrs Dale	"		Bowling Green		"
Wm Cutting	Agent				
Abijah Weston	Owner		"		"
Mangle Minthorne Esq.	Owner		Orange	"	"
Thomas Mook	Lessee & Occpt		"	"	"
Mrs Hoffman	Owner	70	Chrystie	"	"
John Tiebout	Lessee				
Wm Wallace	Occpt	"	"	"	
John J. Astor Esq.	Owner		Washington	"	"
John Zule	"		"	"	"
John. R. Murray	"		"	"	"

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspr

The City Inspector represented Lot N° 50 Cross Street in a state of nuisance, and as the Proprietor a M^r Walton resided in New-Orleans, he recommended that the Corporation should direct the same to be filled up, and the expenses thereof remain a Lien on [255] the Land, which was approved

The Deputy Street Commissioner presented a report, stating that John Randel Jun^r had completed and deposited in the Street Commissioner's office, a Map shewing the elevations of the Monuments on the First, Third, Fifth, Eighth, and Tenth Avenues

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for Bulkhead, and filling in at Rutger's Slip—for paving Rider Street—and for paving Broadway from Canal to Prince Street; which two last were confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each On motion of M^r Akerley, the Assessment for the Bulkhead was laid on the table, in order that the Street Commissioner might give notice to Persons interested, that they might examine the same

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances for paving Lombardy Street from Rutgers to Jefferson Street, and for a Well and Pump in Lawrence Street, and for a Well and Pump in Jay Street; which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood, and Aquila [256] Giles were appointed Assessors in the two first; and Jacob. C. Mott, John Brower, and Abraham Baudouine in the last

The Committee on the Petition for paving Greenwich Street, reported in favour of the Petition, and presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Greenwich Street from Hammond to Bank Street; which was passed, and Jacob. C. Mott, John Brower, and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

The Committee on the Petition of John Smith reported, That they have enquired into the claim of the Petitioner John Smith, Wood Inspector of the Ninth District on the Hudson River: that in consequence of certain improvements made there, to complete West Street, the aforesaid District has become extinct—They recommend that the Eighth District be so altered, as to commence as the law now stands, extending from Whitehall Slip to the new Corporation Pier at the foot of Dey Street, including the South side of said new Pier; and that the Ninth District shall include the West end and [257] North side of the aforesaid Pier, and thence North along the Bulkhead now erecting, to Fulton Street or Pier; and that the Ninth and Tenth Districts be united as heretofore

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" Leonard Kip
by A. L. U.

which was approved

The Committee of Arts on the Petition of Cornelius. D. Clarke, reported

That the Memorialist has invented, as he states, a Machine, the object of which appears to be "To raise water by means of Machinery, so constructed as to keep, and use continually the same Water, and keep a Mill constantly at work" It appears to your Committee, that this is a kind of perpetual motion, which in—itself is inconsistent, and contrary to the laws of mechanical action, wherefore they cannot sanction a delusive plan of Mechanical contrivances—The Petitioner wishes a gratuitous lease for a long term, of a Piece of Ground on the Margin of the River, to erect his Works. Your Committee have conferred with the Inventor, but were unable to ascertain any thing satisfactory [258] respecting his invention: he neither exhibited calculations, model, nor Drawings to illustrate the nature of his Machine —Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the Petition should not be granted

(Signed) Samuel Akerley
" Th. R. Smith
" J. Warren Brackett
" John Remmey.
" Arthur Burtis

which was agreed to

The same Committee presented a communication on the subject of extending the Leases to the Present Occupants in the New York Institution, which was read, and laid for consideration

The same Committee on the Communication from the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia on the subject of Steam Boats, reported

That the repeated accidents, which have happened on board of vessels propelled by Steam, has caused the aforesaid communication, accompanied by a proposal to remedy the evil, which arises from the [259] bursting of the Boiler—Your Committee feel satisfied, that the plan proposed will prevent the accidents complained of, and therefore concur with the Honourable the Committee of Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, in recommending the appointment of Inspectors to regulate the pressure of the Steam upon the Boiler, so that it cannot burst—The Communication referred to your Committee, proposes

"First—To adopt and enforce the following regulation, viz: allowing every Captain or Owner to navigate his vessel with Steam, raised to whatever temperature he thinks most expedient for his own

purposes: he should be compelled to permit Inspectors appointed by law, once in every month, to prove the strength of his Boilers by loading them for the purpose of ascertaining their strength: first, with double, and afterwards with once and a half the force of the steam, he proposes permanently to use, by filling them with water, and loading a pipe with the weight necessary to give to the Boiler the required pressure—This can be conveniently managed by pressure on Bramah's principle [260] and need not occupy an hour's time—Thus if the Captain proposes to work with steam pressing with a force of ten Pounds on the square inch, let the Boiler be tried with a pressure of Twenty Pounds on the square inch and then with a force of Fifteen Pounds per square inch—If it stands this trial, it may reasonably be presumed to bear the required pressure of Ten Pounds per square inch until the next Monthly period of trial appointed by law—To make it sure, that the Engine shall not be worked in any intermediate time by means of Steam of a higher pressure than that required. let a seperate safety valve be provided, and kept locked up in a box connected with the Steam Engine Apparatus, of which box, the Inspector appointed by law ought to be permitted and required to keep the key, which box should not be opened 'till the next period of inspection—This Safety valve should be regulated to the pressure required, and at which the Steam Engine is to be actually worked, so that however high the common exposed Safety valve may be loaded by those, who work. the Engine, the Safety valve locked up, shall effectually prevent [261] the use of any higher pressure, than that permitted"—"A second improvement would be, to seperate the Steam Engine apparatus, by strong partitions erected between this, and the part of the vessel occupied by the Passengers: which Partitions should be so constructed, as to be decidedly the strongest part exposed to explosion, should such an event take place—Hence the planking of the sides of the vessel near to the Steam Engine Apparatus, and the part of the deck that covers it, should be purposely made somewhat weaker than the Partitions, and more liable to be torn or blown away by an explosion, which in such case, could not affect the Passengers." These regulations, if adopted, will effectually secure Passengers on board of Steam Boats from the fatal accidents, which have happened, and may be again repeated for the want of these precautions—The Steam Boats built in New York by Mr Fulton, or under his direction, and upon his plan, have not been subject to the bursting of the Boilers Cast iron Boilers, which have been introduced into use, have principally caused [262] the mischief complained of, and in fact, Mr Fulton,

before his death, predicted that many lives would be lost by such Boilers.

They should be made of Sheet Iron or Copper, and under the preceding regulations, they cannot burst—This accident has principally happened, where the Master of the vessel has used high steam, to propel her with greater velocity—This is done by adding Weights to the Safety valve, by which a greater pressure upon the surface of the Boiler is produced, and hence in such cases, there is always uncertainty and danger, not knowing at what moment an explosion may take place—Inspectors appointed according to the plan proposed, would render it impossible to burst the Boiler, as the additional Safety valve under the key of an Inspector, would open before the Steam could rise to such a height—The Committee are therefore of opinion, that the appointment of Inspectors of Steam Boats is very advisable, inasmuch as the utility and safety of Steam Boat Navigation is dependant thereon, and they cannot do otherwise than recommend it to the attention of the Board, tho' they are [263] happy to state, that the Steam Boats navigating the Hudson and East Rivers, built under the eye and inspection of Mr Fulton, have never met with these accidents—But as the Inventor is dead and frequent alterations and pretended improvements are forcing themselves upon the Public, the subject is worthy of consideration, as far as the State of New York is concerned, but as the Corporation have not the power of appointing such Inspectors, the Committee recommend, that the Counsel of the Board be directed to make application to the Legislature of the State of New York at their next Session, in a Memorial from this Board, representing the danger arising to the lives of Passengers on board of Steam Boats, from the bursting of the Boiler, and solicit the passage of a law for the appointment of Inspectors of Steam Boats, upon the plan and principles contained in this report

(Signed) Samuel Akerley
" Th. R. Smith
" John Remmey
" J. Warren Brackett
" Arthur Burtis

which was approved

[264] The Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church, presented the following report, which was approved

That your Committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted for the following reasons, viz:

That when the Lot was granted to the said Church, it was of inconsiderable value to the Public, having a front only on Augustus Street; since which, Chamber Street has been opened, and a small portion of the rear of the Lot cut off, and although the Lot is by its Front on Chamber Street rendered of far greater value, yet from the manner, in which the Front presents to the Street, being very much askew, renders it of less value than it otherwise would be, and as there is an opportunity of making an exchange of Ground, and thereby squareing the Front on Chamber Street, your Committee are of opinion, that the said Church have no reasonable claim on this Corporation, as the conditions on which the grant was made, have not been complied with on their part, and for the reasons above stated: but your Committee would recommend that whatever expense [265] the said Church may have been at, either by fencing the Lot, or by Taxes or Assessments, that this Board refund them the amount with Interest

(Signed) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob. B. Taylor
" Robert M^cQueen
" Effingham Schieffelin

The Committee on the subject of erecting a Market in the Eighth Ward and in Collect Street, presented the following Report

That in their opinion, Markets ought not to be erected on both the places designated by the Petitioners, inasmuch as it is believed, that the population, who will look for their supply of Provisions from the said Markets, if erected, will not be sufficient to maintain two—One or the other therefore must fail through want of support—Pursuant to this opinion, a sub-Committee has examined the situation of the two places recommended by the Petitioners, and reported in favour of the Gore above designated, as combining greater advantages than any other place in it's vicinity—The place hereby recommended, is bounded by four spacious [266] Streets, and possesses a commanding elevation of ground, with a descent to Grand Street, sufficient to carry off, at all times, any offensive matter which may be collected by means of the Market. On the other hand, the place on Collect Street is situated on a low, and in the opinion of the Committee, an unwholesome piece of ground, with a very small descent, hardly sufficient to convey the water from the adjoining land It is the opinion of the Committee, also, that the convenience of all the Petitioners will be best promoted, by erecting the Market on the gore aforesaid, as the distance from the present temporary Building on

Pump Street, to the place designated on Collect Street, is but One hundred and fifty feet less than to that recommended by the Committee; it is concluded therefore, that all who market at the present establishment, will, on account of the small difference in the distance to the place recommended, market there—The consideration, that while a great convenience is afforded the Inhabitants North and East of Spring Street, extending to Art Street, and including both sides of the Bowery and Broad [267] Way: those, who reside South and West of said line, will experience no material inconvenience, it is hoped, will have its due influence with the Board, as it has had with the Committee—The Committee are aware of the force of an objection strongly urged by those Gentlemen, who differ with them, that the Land on Collect Street is the Property of the Corporation, and therefore, that a Market may be erected for a much less sum than at the place recommended, which must be purchased at an expense of from Four to Five Thousand Dollars—The duty of the Board to husband and improve their resources by every reasonable and proper expedient is not denied by the Committee, but they at the same time contend, that this principle ought not so strongly to be insisted on, as to prevent a great Public convenience—If necessary, numerous instances might be cited to shew, that the Corporation have uniformly adopted a policy, which in their opinion, was calculated to improve the general accommodation of our Citizens, although it tends to lessen their resources Two cases in point, are referred to; first, [268] the opening to the Public, that valuable piece of Ground in the rear of this Hall, instead of disposing of it in Lots as originally contemplated; and second, the order to be put in possession of the Block between Beekman Slip and Crane Wharf instead of improving the present site of the Fly Market, objected to on account of its low and unwholesome situation, either of which, had they acted solely on the policy of improving their resources, would be highly inconsistent—The Committee hope therefore, that this objection will have no weight with the Board, when it is seen, that so large a proportion of our fellow Citizens will be accommodated by erecting the Market at the place hereby recommended—They close their Report on this subject, by presenting to the Board, a profile of the ground, which they have ascertained, may be purchased for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars; and also a plan of a Market-house Eighty feet by Twenty five, estimated to cost Two Thousand Dollars: and request that a Committee may be appointed with power to purchase said ground, and erect thereon a Market [269]

House, provided the whole expense shall not exceed Seven Thousand Dollars

(Signed) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob. B. Taylor
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

Upon the question of agreeing to the same, and a Division having been called by Alderman Smith, the same was carried in the affirmative, as follows

Affirmative 10 Mr Recorder Aldn Brackett—Underhill—Burtis—Thorp—Messrs Stevens—Vn Amringe—Taylor—Schieffelin—Allen

Negative 5 Aldn Smith McQueen Mr Stone Remmey Akerley

Alderman Smith then gave notice, that at the next Meeting of the Board, he would move for a reconsideration of the vote taken

The Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Hills and Reuben Ayres, reported

That the Law of the State on this subject does not authorize the Corporation to grant [270] or erect any Wooden Building for this purpose in the Fire Limits: therefore they are of the opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners cannot be granted

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" R. Graves St Comr
P. tem

which was approved

The City Inspector on the complaint against the night Scavengers, reported

That all the licensed Ho. Boys have been interdicted from making any noise in the discharge of their duties, on pain of dismissal: that he cannot ascertain that this offensive conduct proceeds from any authorized person or persons, but from Individuals not authorized by the City Inspector The remedy, it appears most likely to lessen the evil complained of, would be to direct the Watchmen to seize the brawlers for the night, as disturbers of the public peace, and thereby the law interdicting their pursuing their avocations, without authority, be enforced against them—The Police Committee, together with the Police Magistrates can best effect this object by giving the necessary instructions

(Signed) George Cuming City Insp

[271] which was approved, and referred to the Watch Committee and Police Magistrates

The Recorder presented the following

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences to prevent Nuisances in the rear of the City Hall: which was referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution, directing the appointment of an additional Assistant Keeper to the City Penitentiary with the same salary as is allowed to the other Keepers, which was agreed to, and William Hoghland Jun^{r} was appointed to the office

Alderman Thorp presented a Resolution directing the Water Lots belonging to the Corporation, situated between Washington and West Streets, and Charlton and King Street, to be filled up and regulated, which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner to report

[272] The Resolution presented by Alderman Brackett at the last Meeting, was called up, and was in the words following

Resolved that the Resolution, altering the respective Salaries of the Superintendent of the Alms House, Comptroller, Street Commissioner, and Police Justices, passed by this Board the Nineteenth day of May last, being the Second, Third, and Fifth Resolutions passed at that time, be, and the same are hereby vacated and repealed

The question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution respecting the Superintendent of the Alms House, it passed in the negative—The question being then taken on agreeing to the Resolution respecting the Street Commissioner, it was carried in the affirmative—The question being then taken on agreeing to the Resolution respecting the Justices of the Police, it passed in the negative

Alderman Brackett laid on the table a Resolution for rescinding the Resolution of Ninth of May respecting the Salary of the Superintendent of the Alms House

[273] On motion of Alderman Brackett, Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed, that in the suit brought by John. R: Livingston against the Corporation, it is not the wish of this Board, that the Counsel should put in a plea of the Statute of limitations, or avail himself of the same

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 12 Inst	108.77
Recd for Excise	100.
" " Rents	4956.60
" " Tax	5000.
" " Streets	8682.48
" " Canal Street	8800.
	$27.647.85

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch—1st Dist	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
G. N. Bleecker Comptr 1 Qr &c 15th Inst	500.
Geo. Cuming City Inspr 1 Qr 28th "	312.50
Jonathan Pinckney City Intendt 1 Qr 19th inst	250.
Jacob. P. Roome—Supt Repairs—1 Qr 14th "	225.
Thos Franklin—Chief Engnr 1 Qr 18th Inst	200.
W. S. Smith..Collr City Revenue 1 Qr 22d Inst	200.
[274] B. Skaats. Keeper City Hall 1 Qr 24th Inst & Expences	265.69
Abm Brevoort—Inspr of Bread—1 Qr 21st Inst	96.50
Joseph Varick " " " 1 " 17th "	95.50
John Fine—Carriage hire 10th Dec 1816 to 13 Inst	49.
Jas Warner—Special Justice 1 Qr 26th "	187.50
Jas Hopson " " 1 " 26 "	187.50
Josiah Hedden " " 1 " 26 "	187.50
B. Oblenis Clerk Police office 1 " 26 "	250.
R. Stephens Asst C'lk " " 1 " 26 "	200.
Peter Schemerhorn—Int on Bond 6 Mo 1s Inst	450.
Geo. Rapalye—Award for Hudson St	765.18
Isaac Halsey Accot regulating Rivington Street	500.
Chas Mooney—Accot paving Bridge St	200.
Jas Pinkerton " " Mott "	200.
Corlies & May " flagging Sidewalks Broadway	200.
Jacob. C. Mott & Assessors on sundry Assessments	135.
John Brower & Assessors on Do Do	126.
Jas Kelly Accot paving Rider Street	100.
John Culbert—balce " Slote lane	100.
Ditto paving Water Street	60. 8
Jas Meghan " Intersection—Broadway & Art Street	19.50
John Anderson balce on 3 Instalment—Pier Dey Street	3819.15
[275] Abm Storms—2d & 3d Instalmt Bulkhead Crane Wharf	2192.50
Thos & Geo. Lovett—Acct repairs Pier Fulton Slip	800.
Robt Latimer accot workg 8th Avenue	500.
J. Randel Jr for elevation Monumental Stones	2500.
L. S. Burling—redemptn Bills Credit	3000.
Richd Furman Supt Alms House	5000.
Jacob. P. Roome—Supt Repairs for Repairs	700.
Ditto " " " Docks	500.
Ditto " " " Engine houses	250.
	27.537.85
Balance	$110.

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight

[276] In Common Council September 8th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anthy L. Underhill	Wm F. Vn Amringe
Eldad Holmes	William Stone
Robt McQueen	John Remmey
George Buckmaster	Saml Akerley
Arthur Burtis	Jacob. B. Taylor
George. B. Thorp	Effinghm Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Kinlock Stewart for permission to construct a vault in Rector Street, was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

A Petition from Daniel Demarest for permission to continue his house in Provost Street, which is directed to be removed on opening said Street, was read and referred [277] to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Abraham Shoemaker, that his House in Orange Street may be permitted to remain, was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of John. B. Murray, that a part of Fitzroy road thrown open by him, may be enclosed by him, was read, and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Arthur Hughes for remission of fine for incumbering the Streets, was read, and granted on payment of costs

A Petition of Henry Eckford, to be permitted to build a Pier on the east side of Stanton Slip of One hundred and fifty feet long, the expences of which he would bear himself, if permitted to have the Wharfage on each side, until it should be found necessary to extend the Slip, when he would expect repayment of the usual proportion; Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Wharves and [278] Comptroller

A Petition of William Corkin Master of the British Schooner Countess Dalhousie was received, stating that he had arrived from Halifax on the Twenty second ultimo with Fifty eight Alien Passengers: that the Consignee of said vessel had become Bankrupt, and that he was in great difficulty to procure the Sureties required by law: that the greater part of the Passengers had left the city, and that there-

fore there was little probability of their being chargeable, and he prayed relief

Whereupon Ordered that it be referred to the Attorney and Clerk of the Board, with authority to take such Security as under present circumstances they shall deem advisable

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing in Batavia Lane, praying that the name of said Street may be changed to that of Somerset Street; and a Petition from the Inhabitants of Orange Street praying the name of said Street may be changed for that of Jackson Street in honour of the [279] Hero of New Orleans, were read, and referred to the Committee on Streets to report

A Petition of Jessy Atkinson for extension of ninety days for payment of an Assessment on Lots owned by her in Chamber Street, was read, and the prayer thereof granted

A Petition of the Inhabitants residing in Chamber Street, and in the vicinity of the New York Institution, was received, stating that they have understood the Corporation were about erecting a Building on the corner of Augustus and Chamber Streets for the purpose of a stable, and for keeping Hearses and Coffins in: that as that has become an improved part of the City, such a Building would be exceedingly injurious to their property, and they pray it may not be erected—whereupon said Petition was referred to the Committee appointed on the request of the Commissioner of the Alms House for ground whereon to erect a stable

A Petition was received from Janet Lang praying pecuniary assistance to enable [280] her to pay an Assessment for opening Hudson Street laid upon a leased Lot in her possession, was read, and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the aid required

A further Petition from Lewis. A. Pickhard for permission to continue a Wooden Cistern in the Streets, was read and rejected

A complaint of William Coulthard of some Tanner's vats owned by M^{r} Lorillard in Cross Street, as being highly offensive to the neighbourhood, was read, and referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner, and Comptroller

A Petition of Matthias Smith for Stall N^{o} 3 Fly Market, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Robert Bates for remission of penalty incurred by selling liquor without a license, was read, and granted

A Petition of Daniel Dike. for appointment to the office of an In-

spector of [281] Bread, was read, and referred to the Committee of Applications

A request from Higgins & Parks, Contractors for filling in the ground for the scite of the Market at Fulton Slip, that a Committee might be appointed to examine the situation of their work there, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance from Benjamin. A. Akerley and others against the Assessment for Bulkhead at Rutger's Slip was received—Whereupon the said Assessment was referred back to the Assessors for revisal and reconsideration, together with said Remonstrance

A Memorial was received from Rodman Bowne Lessee of Ferry at Catharine Slip, praying payment of expence incurred by repairing the Iron Chains of the Bridge broken by the ice last winter, and also suggesting the propriety of continuing the Pier at said Ferry fifty feet further into the river; was read, and referred to the Ferry Committee

[282] A Remonstrance against carrying into immediate execution the raising of the lower end of Pine Street, and recommending that the same be delayed until the beginning of July next, was read, and ordered that the same be postponed as requested

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the proposed regulation of Hammond Street, was read, and referred to the Committee for regulating Greenwich Village, viz: Aldermen Coles, Munson, and Burtis

A Petition from Alexander. L. Stewart, stating that there are sundry sums due him from the Corporation for regulating Hudson and other Streets; and that there is due from him to the Corporation sundry sums for Assessments on his Property, and praying an adjustment of said demands; was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following Persons, which [283] were passed

Michael Reson	Owner	79 Mulberry St	Privy
Ab^{m} Bininger	"	146 Chatham "	"
Ann Bolen	Lessee & Occp^{t}	83 Mulberry "	"
Henry Stevens	"	640 Bayards Farm	Lot
Jacob Lorillard	"	195 Water St	"
C. Cutter J. Thompson J. Avery	Owner Agent Occup^{t}	145 Lombardy "	Privy

J. Taylor Trustee to A. Ogdens Estate Wm S. Johnston		Occpt	62	Pine	St Privy
E. Childs Wm Jewel		Owner Occpt	5	Ann	" "
J. Jacobs Josh Webb		Owner Occpt	26	Cross	" "
Jane Nickens	Owner &	Occpt	195	Duane	" "
Thos L. Rich T. H. Poppleton	"	Occpt	8	Wall	" "
Rd Kirby M. M. Brown		Owner. Occpt	94	Reed	" "
J. Riker Mary Carter		Owner Occpt	30	Thomas	" "
P. Fitz Patrick Edward Hays	Lessees &	Occpts	252	William	" "
C. Cutter J. Thompson Davd Paul		Owner. Agent. Occpt	145	Lombardy	" "
[284] Josh Carter	Owner &	Occpt	134	Mulberry	St Privy
Rt Henry	"	"	34	Cross	" "
Jos McQuaid	"	"	15	Chapel	" "
G. & R. Waite F. Noble	"	Occpt	46	Hester	" "
Jno Beekman Jas Bradgley Philip Wilson		Owner. Agent. Occpt	8	Norfolk	" "

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspr

The Street Committee—to whom was referred the Resolution respecting filling in the block reserved for public purposes between Washington and West Streets, from Charlton to King Street, reported,

That in the opinion of your Committee, the subject embraced in the Resolution ought to be carried into effect, as it would add to the value of the Property more than the expence of regulating it, by rendering it a suitable place for Lumber yards &c, it being in its present state wholly unproductive, as it is cut off from the river by a Bulkhead; but, what in the opinion of your Committee renders it the more necessary is, that the Owners of the adjoining Lots [285] are compelled to fill up their property, while the property of this Corporation remaining in its present state will become a nuisance, very much to

the injury of Individuals: your Committee have calculated the expense at a sum less than Ten Thousand Dollars, and which may be paid by small instalments, as the work progresses

(Signed) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

which was approved

The Street Commissioner made a communication recommending the repaving of Broadway from the South side of Pearl Street to the North side of Leonard Street, and presented an Ordinance therefor, which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee, and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors therein

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, stating that in the erection of the City Hall, it was contemplated to place the arms of the City over the Attic [286] Story; that for the want of an Artist that has not yet been done: that a person has arrived, and who means to settle in this Country, of the name of Lewis Steggagini whose talents as a Sculptor are highly spoken of, and he recommended the same to the consideration of the Common Council

Whereupon the said subject was referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences—He also recommended that the Cupola and Roof of the Hall should be painted which was directed to be done, under the direction of the Superintendent of Repairs

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, recommending that Bleecker Street should be regulated from Broadway to Henry Street, which was approved, and an Ordinance directed to be reported therefor—He also submitted to the consideration of the Board, the disposition of the ground now vested in the Corporation by purchase of M^r Bleecker's Property lying between Mercer and Green Streets, which was referred to the Street Committee and [287] Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for repaving Mulberry Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Corporation of Trinity Church, respecting a balance due to them, presented a report, which was referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller*

* Marginal note reads *See Vol 32 page 333.*—ED.

The Counsel, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the fence erected across Anthony Street, reported; That from the best information he has obtained, he presumes that Mr Livingston imagines that he has gained the right of possession of a part of Little Water Street by possession—That it appears, that some houses which belonged to him were erected upon it, and continued for a series of years, but whether they were there for Twenty years, or not, does not appear with certainty [288] That those houses were removed about three years since, and the Street has since been open as a public Highway: that it appears from a Survey made in the year Seventeen hundred fifty one, that that part of Little Water Street was then a public Highway. By the charter of this City and by several Statutes of the State, the Streets of this City were granted to the Corporation, but for Public Highways—The right of Soil therefore is vested in the City, but the right of way remains in the People of the State—No right of possession can be gained against the People under forty years—As Mr Livingston's possession was for a period much less than that, it follows that as it respects the right of way he has gained no exclusive right: the fence therefore, which he has erected, is a common nuisance, and may be indicted as such, or may be abated, or removed by any Person—The Counsel therefore recommends that the Street Commissioner be instructed to remove it

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner was instructed to remove [289] the same

The Counsel presented a lease to William Cutting for Lot No 17. at Brooklyn, and of the Wharf in front, and also a lease of another wharf and two Piers, which were leased at auction—Whereupon the said Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel reported, that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate, relative to Orange and Provost Streets, and that it was necessary to appoint Collectors for the same—Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for Orange Street, and Morris De Camp for Provost Street.

The Counsel on the Petition of John. E. Van Antwerp, reported, That at the request of the Petitioner, a lease was some time since reported to the Board for the above mentioned Premises in favour of Samuel Blackwell Junr That as the Premises are much out of repair, he objects to accepting it, unless he is relieved from the Covenant to leave them in good and tenantable repair—Under [290] these cir-

cumstances, the Counsel respectfully recommends, that he be authorized to alter the Lease, so that the Tenant shall only be required to leave the Premises in as good repair, as he receives them
which was approved

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

The Counsel submitted the Draft of a Lease to William Hunter, William Vail, and Thomas Morrell for Ferry at the foot of Grand Street to Morrell's Point on Long Island, which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented Grants for Three Water Lots at Brooklyn, to David Clarkson, John Clarkson, and Catharine Clarkson, which were directed to be duly executed

The Committee of Applications, on the Petition of Silvanus Concklin to be appointed Damage Viewer in the Ninth Ward, reported in favour of the Petitioner, and he was appointed accordingly

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas [291] & George Lovett, reported; That they have enquired into the merits of their claim, and find that the Corporation made a contract with the Petitioners, to fill in the Albany Basin on the Hudson River, reserving to them all the earth to the level of the Streets on the public ground sold near the Battery: a part of which they were deprived of by a reserve made by the Comptroller at the sale of aforesaid grounds, for Building Sand to purchasers to erect their Buildings, of which the Petitioners ask remuneration—Your Committee recommend that One hundred and fifty Dollars be given as compensation

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" G. Buckmaster
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

which was approved, and a Warrant for One hundred and fifty Dollars was directed to be reported by the Comptroller for payment of the same

The Committee on the Petition of Ann Renouf for a Stand in the Hall to sell fruit, reported as their opinion, that it [292] would be improper to grant any Stand in the Hall for purposes of sale: which was approved

The Committee of Wharves on the Petition respecting the Basin at foot of Spring Street, presented a Report, which was read, and laid on the Table

The Committee on the Petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others, presented a Report in favour of Petitioners, and allowing to them the

sum of Two hundred Dollars to put said Bridge in repair, which was disagreed to—Mr Schieffelin gave notice, that he would at the next Meeting, move for a reconsideration of the question

The Committee on the Petition for regulating Lewis Street, reported in favour of the same, and presented an Ordinance for regulating Lewis Street, from Rivington to Stanton Street, which was passed; and Jacob. C. Mott, John Brower, and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

Mr Akerley presented a Resolution directing [293] the publishing of Assessments, which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Laws

The following were appointed a Committee to carry into effect, the Report of the Committee on the subject of building a Market on the Gore of Land, bounded by Grand, Orange, Collect, and Broome Streets, as agreed to at the last Meeting of the Board viz: Alderman Burtis Alderman Thorp Mr Allen

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Comp. No. 1

Isaac Porter—Carpenter—187 Church St 5 Wd vice James Campbell—deceased.

Fire Engine Comp. No 2.

Charles Atkins—Tallow Chandler—111 Mulberry St—6. Wd vice Jacob Bolmer—Resigned.

Fire Engine Comp. No 5

Edward Copeland—Grocer—73 Water St 1st Ward vice William Thompson—Resigned

[294] Fire Engine Comp No 5

Saml J. Hicks—Accountant—226 Water St 2d Ward—vice William H. Oliver—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. No 16.

John. G. Mott—Grocer—20 Liberty St—2d Ward vice Hugh Wishart—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. No 19.

Henry Willet—Smith—165 Bowery—10 Wd vice James Marsh—Expelled for neglect of duty

George Jacobs—Sugar Refiner—75 Second St 10 Wd vice Peter. W. Field—Expelled for neglect of duty

Fire Engine Comp. N° 25

Robert Woods—Leather Dresser—20 Ferry S^{t} 2^{d} Ward vice William Roe—Resigned

Alderman Coles presented the following:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner employ a suitable Person, to lay a foot walk upon the east side of the Battery in Whitehall Street, and that the materials taken out of the foot walk along side of the Battery in State Street, be used for that purpose

Resolved that the Street Commissioner take the necessary measures to remove the Hay Scales from the Street at the Head of Whitehall Slip—which [295] were agreed to

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution on the subject of recieving a certain sum for Alien Passengers, in lieu of giving Bonds to secure the City against their becoming chargeable—which was referred to the Finance Committee and Counsel

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner cause all obstructions in Orange Street to be removed with all convenient speed

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury 25th Aug^{t}	$110.
Rec^{d} for Tax	1033.
" " Excise	100.
" " Tavern Licenses	166.60
" " Canal Street	3000.
" " Rents	5690.87
" " Streets	13985. 8
	$24.085.55

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for the payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch. 1^{s} Dis^{t}	$1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2^{d} "	682.50
[296] Bleakley & Brower—Watch—3^{d} Dis^{t}	413.
O. Edwards. Counsel—1 Q^{r} 27. Aug^{t} & drafts	131.
S. M^{c}Cormick. Park-Keeper—3 M^{o} 1. Sept^{t}	138.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 M^{o} 1 Sept^{t}	60.
Jon. Weeden—Street Insp^{r} 1 M^{o} 1 "	52.
Sam^{l} Hutchings " 1 " 1 "	52.
W^{m} J. Waldron—Ass^{t} City Insp^{r} 1 " 1 "	52.
Obadiah Ayres " 1 " 1 "	52.
Dan^{l} H. Magee Keeper Pottersfield 1 M^{o} 1. Sept^{t}	46.50
J. Hays—for Police officers—Extra services 3 Mo^{s} 26. Aug^{t}	320.25
J. Hays for officers convey^{g} Prisoners to Penitentiary—1 Feb^{y} to 12 Aug^{t}	122.

Jos Leonard—List Passengers—6 Mo 1 Augt	25.
P. H. Schenck—flannel for Cartridges 4th July	23.96
P. Schemerhorn—1 Year's Rent Engine H. 1 Sept	75.
Leml Richardson 1 " " Ditto No 30 Rivington St 1 May 1817	15.
G. Snethen—Superg & Lightg Lamps—1 Mo 1s Inst	616.35
W Berrian—Collector 5th Ward—overpaid Tax Recd for 1816	928.45
Danl D. Tompkins—balce due by Comtee Defence	469.88
Jno Anderson—1s Instalt Pier Fulton St N. River	1500.
Henry Allen—Labour & Stone—Pier No 1. Whitehall—1 June to 19 Augt	860.84
Thos & Geo. Lovett. repg Wh'f East side James Slip	132.50
Thos Barnum—Supg Piers &c. 36 days to 6 Sept	72.
[297] Caleb Filsch—1s Instalt Well. Orange St	51. 2
Geo. Allison—balce Award. Hudson St	4227.96
J. McComb. St Comr to pay Commissr's Atty's & Court charges—openg Hudson St from Duane to Chamber Street	1655.23
J. McComb. St Comr pay Expences Work. 3d Avenue	1150.
John Frederick—Award Mott Street	750.
Jas Meghan. Accot pavg Broadway	600.
J. McComb. St Comr balce Award Heirs of N. G. Ingraham—Cliff St.	587.92
M. H. Burrell—Award Mott St	400.
Chas Mooney—Accot pavg Cross "	200.
Jas Pinkerton " " Mott "	200.
Chs Mooney " Bridge "	181.19
Thos & Geo. Lovett—balce Drain Pearl St	181.
Jas Kelly balce pavg Rider St	113.
Corlies & May—Accot pavg sidewalks in Broadway	100.
J. McComb—St Comr balce Award for Euphemia Pelor—Fulton St	43.20
Richard Moran—pavg Intersections	21.41
Richd Campbell " "	8.89
J. P. Roome—Superintendt Repairs for Repairs	1300.
Ditto —Supert Repairs—for Lamps	100.
Richard Furman Supert Alms House (new)	2000.
[298] Richard Furman—Supt Alms House	1500.
Abel Hardenbrook—Accot Engines—from 25. June 1816 to 10th May 1817	500.
	$23.829.30
Balance	$256 25/100

Adjourned to this day fortnight

[299] In Common Council September 22d 1817.

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip
George Buckmaster	William Stone
Arthur Burtis	John Remmey
George. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerley
Reuben Munson	Jacob. B. Taylor
	Effinghm Schieffelin

The Minutes of last Meeting were read, and approved

A Warrant reported by the Comptroller in favour of John. H. Douglass, was directed to be referred to the Street Commissioner and Counsel, to issue on their being satisfied with the receipts given

A Petition from Thomas Hazard Junr for permission to break ground for digging a Cellar for a house, he is about to erect near Pike Slip; was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with [300] authority to act in the Premises

A recommendation in favour of James Bashford for Butcher's Stand in Collect Market; and Petitions from Hannah Carter, and Jacob Folmar for Huckster's Stands in the Market, were referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Vicinity, praying that the Street at the junction of Orange Street and Bayard Street may be regulated, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well corner of Cherry and Pike Street, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant, and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance

Petitions of William Weston for a Vault in front of his Lot on Bowling Green, and of William Berrian for Vault in Hudson Street corner of Reade Street, were referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms

[301] A complaint of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Catharine Market, against Market Waggons incumbering the Street, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas. W. Gilbert for appointment of Collector of Arrearages of Taxes, was read, and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Ann Rice for permission to have a Stand in the

Street to vend fruit, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward

A Petition of John. S. Somers, that his license as a Pawn Broker may be renewed to him, and that a Committee might be appointed to enquire into his conduct as a Pawn Broker, was read, and referred to Mr Stevens Mr Remmey Aldn McQueen

A Memorial of Garrit Wallgrove Lessee of the Hay Scales at Whitehall Slip, stating that the order for their removal [302] is attended with great injury to him, and requesting some other place may be assigned, where they may be erected, was read, and referred to the Committee of Wharves, &c, to consider, and select some proper scite for them

A Petition of John Ferris for extension of time for payment of Assessment for opening Hudson Street, was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Recommendation in favour of Isaac Tompkins for the appointment of Measurer, was read, and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village, that certain Streets in said Village may be regulated, was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner, who immediately reported in favour of the Petition, and presented the following Ordinances, which were passed, and Abraham Baudouine, Jacob. C. Mott, and John Brower were appointed Assessors: viz—for regulating Perrry Street: Charles Street: Asylum Street: [303] Herring Street: Amos Street: Barrow Street: Morton Street: Le Roy Street: Clarkson Street and for regulating Washington Street.

A Memorial of the Pawn Brokers, complaining of the proportion, directed by law to be taken for Licenses, which have expired: was read, and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from the Inhabitants near Washington Market, that the Street around the Market may be paved, was referred to the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of W. Pye, proposing to exchange a triangular piece of ground on Chamber Street for another of equal size, was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Street Commissioner; who immediately reported in favour of the proposition, and that it be referred to the Counsel, to examine the Title and see that the necessary papers are prepared and executed: which Report was approved

A Petition of John. B. Coles for the establishment [304] of a Ferry from lands owned by him at Harsimus in New Jersey, to some

part of the City between Chamber Street and Spring Street, for such a period of time, and on such terms, as should be judged fit and proper; was presented, and being read, was referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller

A resignation of John. G. Scholtz of his appointment of Weighmaster, was read, and accepted—And a recommendation in favour of P. McKeon to the Appointment of a Weighmaster, was read, and referred to the Committee on Applications

A request of George Wilson in behalf of William West and Joseph Bloomer for payment of an Account for work done in raising a vessel in Spring Street Basin, was referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A Petition of John Turk for appointment of Weighmaster, was read, and referred to the Committee of Applications

[305] A Petition of Maria Williams and Matthew V. Gibson, for remission of Penalty under Fire law, was read, and referred to the Committee on Laws, and Counsel

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the Petition of A. L. Stewart, stating that there were due to him the following sums—viz:

For regulating Hudson Street with Earth, from Laight Street to Spring Street	1496. 9
For the Award to Anne Post in the matter of opening Hudson Street into Chamber Street—to which your Petitioner is entitled by Assignment duly executed, and ready to be produced	2985.16
For the Award to David Campbell in the matter last mentioned, and duly executed, and ready to be shown as aforesaid	2750.
making together the sum of	$7231.25

And your Petitioner further shews, that the Assessment on his Property for the aforesaid opening of Hudson Street into Chamber Street amounts to the sum of Thirty [306] five hundred and ten Dollars; and that there are also claims on his Property to a considerable amount for the Canal Street Assessment—Your Petitioner therefore respectfully prays that out of the said sum of Seven Thousand, Two hundred, and thirty one Dollars and twenty five cents, your Honourable Board will retain the said sum of Thirty five hundred and ten Dollars for his said Hudson Street Assessment, and that the Balance of the said $7231.$^{25}/_{100}$ Dollars, which is Three Thousand, Seven hundred, and twenty one Dollars, and twenty five cents be retained and received by your Honble Board on account of his said Canal Street Assessment—(Signed) A. L. Stewart reported, that they

had examined the Statement, and that it was correct; and therefore recommended that his request be complied with; which Report was approved

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Daniel Demarest, reported; that in his opinion, the Building should be sold on Monday next, and removed immediately [307] thereafter: which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented a corrected Assessment from the Assessors, for the expenses of the Bulkhead at Rutger's Slip, which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Assessments, and Street Commissioner

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump on corner of Orange and Franklin Streets, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also reported an Ordinance for repaving a part of Oak Street, which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances, on the Premises of the following Persons, which were passed

Richard *Jerheun* [Terheun]	Owner		Canal	S^{t}	a Lot
Peter Lorillard	"		Broome	"	"
Rob^{t} M. Livingston	"		Hudson	"	"
[308] Jos^{h} De La Montanye	Owner & Occp^{t}	75	Vesey	S^{t}	a Lot
Abijah Hammond	"		Lawrence	S^{t}	"
Rob^{t} M. Livingston	"		"		"
And^{w} Morris	"	106	Broad	"	"
Catharine Gunn	Occp^{t}				
Tho^{s} L. Ogden	Owner		Grand	"	"
W^{m} Bunting	"		"	"	"
R^{t} Lenox	"	50	Ludlow	"	"
Ditto	"	52	"	"	"
Ditto	"	54	"	"	"
Ditto	"	56	"	"	"
John. R. Livingston	"		Delancey	"	"
Ditto	"		"	"	"
Ditto	"		"	"	"
Ditto	"		"	"	"
Ditto	"		Arundel	"	"
Ditto	"		"	"	"

John. R. Livingston	Owner	Arundel	St	a Lot
Ditto	"	"	"	"
Peter Stagg	"	Thompson	"	"
Lewis Hartman	"	"	"	"
Jas Campbell	"	"	"	"
Arthur Smith	"	"	"	"
Estate of Jacobus Van Valen	"	"	"	"
Arthur Smith	Agent			
Geo. Lorillard	Owner	"	"	"
Wm Jas Proctor	"	"	"	"
[309] Francis Child	Owner	Thompson	St	a Lot
Sl Tooker to Isaac Clason's (Decd) Estate	Agent	Columbia	"	"
John. R. Livingston	Owner	"	"	"
Ditto	"	"	"	"
Ditto	"	"	"	"
Ditto	"	"	"	"
Moses Hoyt	Lessee	Water	"	"

(Signed) George Cuming.
City Inspr

Upon the report of the Attorney, Penalties were remitted to Captains Buddington; Spencer; Smith; Molina; Brickhead; Upham; Johnson; and Morris; for not reporting Passengers agreeably to law.

The Counsel presented for execution a Grant for a Water Lot between Crane Wharf and Peck Slip, to *Elizabeth Underhill: Benjamin. F. Underhill: Letitia Hunter: William Edwin Underhill: and Louisa Julia Van Zandt—A Grant has passed the Board to Elizabeth Underhill for that Property, but it has not been delivered, and it now appears that the Persons above named are interested [310] in the said Property: Whereupon it was ordered that the former Grant be vacated, and the one now presented, duly executed

He also submitted for execution, Deeds for Lots fronting on Hudson Street between Duane and Chamber Streets, which were sold at Public Auction by the Comptroller to John Van Orden—Wm L. Symers—Christopher Heiser—and John B. Murray—The Lot sold to John Van Orden has been sold by him to Daniel Clark; and that sold to Wm L. Symers has been by him sold to Benjamin Romaine; and the Deeds submitted, were to Clark and Romaine—Whereupon the Deeds were ordered to be duly executed

* Marginal note reads *See page 181.*—ED.

The Comptroller made a representation on the subject of a Communication he had received from the Comptroller of the State respecting the valuation of real Estates in the City, made under the authority of the United States—Whereupon the Communication was directed to be referred to the Board of Supervisors, and the Counsel

[311] He also presented an Account from the Clerk of the Police Office, which was referred to the Finance Committee

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Comp. N° 7.

Everitt Marsh—vice—William Willis—Resign'd

Fire Engine Comp. N° 40.

Thomas Harrison—Accountant—20 James S^{t}—4th W^{d}—vice Isaac Skaats—Resigned in consequence of being decriped at a fire by Burling Slip

The Street Committee on the Petition respecting Batavia Lane, reported

That in their opinion, no other alteration ought to be made, than to call it Batavia Street instead of Batavia Lane; which alteration the Committee do recommend should be made, believing it will be satisfactory to the Petitioners, and no inconvenience to the Public

(Signed) Eldad Holmes
" Leonard Kip
" John Remmey

[312] which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition respecting Orange Street, reported

That they have given the subject due consideration, and are decidedly of opinion, that there is not a sufficient reason assigned for changing the present name—They therefore recommend that leave be given to withdraw their Petition

Your Committee would take this opportunity of expressing their disapprobation of changing the names of Streets—When it is considered what trouble and perplexity it occasions in the searching of Records: what labour and expense there is in altering Maps, &c not only in our own Offices, but to the Publishers of Maps and plans of

our City, they are convinced that altering the names of Streets, except for some important reason, is highly improper and inconvenient

(Signed) Eldad Holmes
" Leonard Kip
" John Remmey
" Jn° M^cComb. S^t Com^r

which was approved

[313] The Committee of Arts on the communication of the Street Commissioner, respecting placing the City Arms over the Attic Story of the City Hall, reported,

That your Committee has enquired into the subject, and received a calculation made by M^r P. Cardelli, the Sculptor referred to by the Street Commissioner, which amounts to Eight Thousand, Five hundred, and fifty six Dollars, including the expense of Marble, and Work necessary to complete the City Arms—Wherefore the Committee recommend, that on account of the great expense of cutting the City Arms in Marble, that it be not undertaken at present

(Signed) Samuel Akerley
" John Remmey
" Arthur Burtis

which was approved

M^r Schieffelin agreeably to notice given at the last Meeting, moved to reconsider the vote given on the Report of the Committee on the Petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others—On the question to reconsider, it was carried in the affirmative—The Report of the Committee [314] being read, was in the words following:

The Road Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants at Kings Bridge and Neighbourhood, relating to a Bridge and Road over Haerlem Creek, reported, That it is of considerable benefit to said Inhabitants, and although said Bridge has been built from time immemorial by said Inhabitants at their own expense, yet your Committee think it of public convenience to that part of the City, and would recommend that a Warrant be granted for Two hundred Dollars to put said Bridge and Road in good repair under the direction of the Road Committee and Street Commissioner

(Signed) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" William Stone

On the question of agreeing to the same, it was carried in the

affirmative, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for Two hundred Dollars agreeably thereto

The Report of the Committee respecting Spring Street Basin, which was presented [315] at the last Meeting, was called up, and being read, was as follows

The Committee of Wharves, &c. report,

That they have viewed the Premises, and find the Basin at the foot of Canal Street so filled in, that it is impossible for the Boats to enter at low water, leaving them without a harbour in that part of the City, and as it is increasing so fast in population, your Committee is of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted—As it respects the Basin at the foot of Spring Street, the Estimate of the Street Commissioner to complete this improvement, amounts to Six Thousand, Six hundred and five Dollars

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
G. Buckmaster
Eldad Holmes
Arthur Burtis
Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r
Jacob. B. Taylor

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to contract with some person to complete the same, on or before the First day of September Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, but not to commence the [316] work until the First day of April next

Upon the question of agreeing to the same, and a division being called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 8 Ald^n Burtis—Thorp Munson Mess^rs Kip—Stone—Remmey—Taylor—Schieffelin

Negative 5 Ald^n Coles—Holmes Buckmaster M^r Stevens Akerley

Ordered that the subject of opening Washington Street, between Spring Street and Christopher Street, and the Contract of John Jacob Astor thereon, be referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

M^r Kip presented a Resolution, directing that the Bonds given by Collectors, should, when the Tax Books were settled, be cancelled; which was referred to the Committee on Laws

The Comptroller stating he had confidential business to communicate, the Gallery was cleared, and the Doors closed

He then presented the following

[317] The Comptroller respectfully informs the Board that agreeably to a Resolution passed the 30^th June last, authorizing a Loan not

exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, for which City Stock was to be issued, bearing an Interest of Six per Cent per annum: the proceeds to be applied to the payment of Principal and Interest of Two Bonds due the Mechanic's Bank, dated 10th September 1816 amounting to Ninety Thousand Dollars, at an Interest of Seven per Cent per annum

The same has been effected under the direction of the Committee of Finance

The following Statement exhibits the particulars of the transaction Sales of City Stock by James & John Bleecker, Brokers

1817.			
Aug 6—Sold to Robt Maitland		$5000	
" " " " Jane Hartshorne		3700	
" " " " James Richmond		2000	
	$10.700 @ 100½ pr Ct		10.753.50
" 13 " " A. H. Lawrence & Co 4000 @ 100¾			4.030.
Sep. 4 " " A. H. Lawrence & Co		27.200.	
" " W. G. Bucknor		5.300	
" " Susannah Bedient		500	
		33.000	
[318]	$33.000 at 101 pr Ct		33.330.
Sep. 9. Sold to Jno Benson		5000.	
" " " A. H. Lawrence & Co		1000.	
	$6000 at 101		6.060.
Sep 11. Sold A. H. Lawrence & Co		10.000	
" " " Mary Duane		1000	
" " " Willm North		500	
" " " Jno E. Caldwell Exr		100	
	$11.600 @ 101		11.716.
Sep. 12. Sold A. H. Lawrence & Co		33.700	
" " " Jas & Jno Bleecker		1000	
	$34.700 @ 101		35.047.
			$100.936.50
Deduct Brokerage ¼ pr Ct			252.32
			$100.684.18
2 Bonds paid		90.000.	
Interest on Do		6211.78	
Balance to Cr City & County		4472.40	
			100.684.18

After deducting the Brokerage and Interest on the City Stock issued, from the 1st August last to the respective days of payment for the same, there remains a Nett Profit of Three hundred thirty five Dollars and twenty seven cents in favour of the Corporation, equal to a Third of One per Cent, besides the difference of One per Cent Interest [319] saved by paying the Bonds

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r^

which was directed to be entered on the Minutes, and the injunction of Secrecy respecting the transaction was removed

The Comptroller reported

1817. Sept 22—Balce in Treasy 8th Inst	$256.25
Received for Excise	200.
" of Justices of Police	227.34
" for Tax	295.94
" " Rents	3011.57
" " Canal Street	4000.
" Balance on Stock Accot	4472.40
" Streets	10130.95
	$22,594.45

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Thos R. Smith Esq. Treasr Board of Health	300.
Norris & Anderson—Watch—1s Dist	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
Philip Becanon—Inspr of Bread—1 Qr 10 Inst	96.80
Danl D. Arden—New Grant Book for Counsel	30.
Seymour Sherwood—Keepr Battery to 6th Inst	116.
S. Ludlum—3 Reams paper for City Inspr	6.93
[320] Jesse Dowe—7 Carriages to Bellevue—10th Int	22.
Shelton & Kensett—Map. U. S. for Mayors office	15.
Thos & Geo. Lovett for Earth to fill Albany Basin &c	150.
R. Munson Esq—13 Casks Oil—bot of Mr Crosby	334.82
Ditto 5 " " " Tho. Hazard Jr	341.40
A Burtis Esq. for purchase of Ground for Market	5000.
Geo. Charlton. buildg Well Cliff St 1s Instalt	50.
John Parsons " " Green St	65.25
Owen Murphy—Award for Bridge "	60.82
Thos Payne " " Water "	89.25
Jas Meghan—Accot pavg Broadway	200.
J. McComb. St Comr for Commissnrs & Atty's fees Orange Street	252.80
Mary Codwise—Award for Bridge St	322.77
Jane Codwise " " "	116.24

Heirs of Geo. Codwise Jr deceasd Award for Bridge St	1046.16
Benjamin Mead—Award for " "	1340.52
Jacob Harsin—on a/c award—Mott "	1000.
Chas Mooney—a/c paving Cross "	600.
Eliza Ludlow—Award for Hudson "	1514.
Elizabeth West " " "	786.74
John. H. Douglass—a/c Award for Hudson St	2000.
John Anderson—1s Instalt Bulkhead Fulton St—North River	1316.25
[321] J. P. Roome—Supt Repairs—for Repairs	1500.
Richard Furman—Supt Alms House	1500.
	$22.387.50
Balance	$205 15/100

Board adjourned to this day fortnight—4—O.clock

[322] In Common Council October 6th 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles	Saml Jones Junr
Jos Warren. Brackett.	Saml Stevens
Eldad Holmes.	Leonard Kip
Thomas. R. Smith.	Wm F. Van Amringe
George Buckmaster.	Willm Stone
George. B. Thorp.	John Remmey
Reuben Munson.	Saml Akerley
	Jacob. B. Taylor
	Effinghm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Member stating that business requiring secrecy was to be laid before the Board, the Gallery was cleared, and the following Communication from the Finance Committee was read, and agreed to

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the Communication of the Comp- [323] troller relative to the assessments and Bonds due from this Board to sundry Persons, respectfully Report

That in their opinion, these several sums ought to be paid without delay: to accomplish which, it is proposed to borrow of the Mechanic's Bank a sum not exceeding Sixty Thousand Dollars for Six Months on their Bond, at an Interest of Six per Cent: at the expiration of which period, there is no doubt the money can be refunded out of the Taxes of the present year, none of which are as yet collected

The following Resolution is offered for the consideration of the Board

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to borrow of the Mechanic's Bank, on the Bond of this Corporation, a sum not exceeding Sixty Thousand Dollars, at an Interest of Six per Cent for Six Months

(Signed) Th. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

[324] A Petition of Cornelia Kissam for permission to construct a Cistern of Brick at the corner of James Slip and Cherry Street, partly under the pavement of the side walk of the Street, there being no room on the premises to construct one, was read, and granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Petitions of Adam Mott and Silas Harvy for appointments as Measurers of Grain, and of John Sale to be appointed a Measurer of Hay, and to establish a Hay Scale on the Third Avenue at Kip's Bay, were read, and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial of Joseph Joshua Dyster, stating that he has invented a mode of constructing Iron Bridges, wherein strength, lightness, and durability are united, and praying the patronage of the Corporation, was read, and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of John Scudder Proprietor of the American Museum, praying on account [325] of the great expence he has been at, in fitting up the rooms assigned to him in the New York Institution, that the Corporation would exempt him from the payment of the proportion of the expence for repairing the Cornice Gutter of his part of the Building, was read, and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Memorial of Stephen Cornwall and Company, Carvers, offering to execute the City arms to be placed over the Attic Story of the Hall, was read, and referred to the same Committee

A Petition of Aaron Ogden of Elizabethtown New Jersey, praying a further extension of the Lease granted to him for a Water Lot near the corner of Marketfield Street and Washington Street, for the purposes of a Ferry to Elizabethtown Point, which lease expires on the First of February next, was read, and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Michael Cashman for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor [326] without license, was read, and granted on payment of costs

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Water Street, complaining of a number of Lots in Water Street between Fulton Street. and Burling Slip lying open, and occasioning a great nuisance to that Neighbourhood, and praying they may be enclosed within a fence, was read, and referred to the City Inspector to cause the request of the Petitioners to be immediately complied with

A request of the Commissioners of the School Fund, for payment of the sum granted to them by law from the Proceeds of the Excise, was read, and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Thomas M^cCready to be permitted to exchange Stall N° 32 Catharine Market for Stall N° 48 same Market, and of Blaze Ten Brook for Stall N° 48 Catharine Market, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

[327] A Complaint of Warburton Surengham against Persons occupying the Walks near the Fly Market, for vending Stockings and other articles, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Butchers of the Collect Market, for Stands in the new Market about to be erected near Rynder Street, and a Petition from Asa. W. Wesson for a Stall in said Market, were read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Henry Simmons Surety for John Rayner late Deputy Clerk of Fly Market, stating that he had paid Six hundred Dollars, part of the sum of nine hundred Dollars the deficit of said Rayner's accounts, and praying to be released from the remainder of the sum due, was read, and referred to the Market Committee to report

A Petition of Charles Hopper for a Butchers Stand at the foot of Broad Street, adjoining that of Peter Crawbuck, was read, and granted

[328] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Hudson Street, was received, stating that the expences incurred in opening Hudson Street into Chamber Street had been paid and settled, and that there remained in the hands of the Collector the sum of Six hundred Dollars—That a foot walk from the corner of Read Street to Chamber Street of the Width of Six or Eight feet was essentially necessary to the comfort of the Inhabitants, and praying that a part of said Balance may be applied to that purpose, was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner to comply with the request of the Petitioners

A Petition of Hills & Ayres for remission of Penalty, incurred by them in erecting a Building on the Pier at the Corporation Basin near

Washington Market, was read. and leave given to withdraw the Petition

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Spring Street, praying that the South line of said Street may be laid out direct from the corner of Thompson to the corner of [329] Wooster Street, and the Street widened, was read, and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Smith Baker (a Minor) for a Cartman's license, and a Petition of Daniel Fash for a license as a Cartman for his Son, who is a Minor, were read, and rejected

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, praying that the Sixth Avenue may be opened, and extended from Greenwich Lane, to Carmine Street, and Carmine Street widened to the intersection of Varick and Clarkson Streets, was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition from Inhabitants of Anthony Street, remonstrating against opening Anthony Street to Water Street, but praying that it may be opened in a straight line until it intersects Cross and Orange Streets, was read, and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

Petitions from William Poyntz, Patrick Frayne, and Tunis Duryee, for remission of [330] fine incurred by taking clay from the Roads, were read, and referred to the attorney to report

A Petition of John. C. Helme was received, stating that he has obtained a Patent for a new invented double Valve Metal Pumpbox, which promises great advantages in Hydraulics, and praying the patronage of the Corporation; was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A petition that Willett Street may be opened, and regulated from Grand to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well corner of Arundle and Division Streets, was referred to the alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance

A Petition was received from D. & G. Bruce, stating that they had introduced into this Country the art of casting Stereotype Plates for printing: that the place at present occupied by them is not advantageous, and [331] praying the Corporation to sell to them the Lot of Ground fronting on Chamber Street, and adjoining the Lot of Bailey and Anderson; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

A Letter from General Scott on the subject of Offices he was about erecting at the Battery, was read—The Recorder presented certain Resolutions on the subject, which were also read—when the subject was referred to the following Committee, and it was Resolved that when the Board adjourn, they will adjourn to meet to morrow afternoon at 5. O. clock, to receive the Report of the Committee, and to take such Measures in the Premises as may be deemed advisable

The Committee appointed, were, The Recorder Mr Jones Aldermen Brackett Smith and the Counsel

The following Person was appointed a Fireman, the chief Engineer certifying [332] the Vacancy

Fire Engine Comp No 38.

John James Stewart—Gentleman—between 2 & 3 Mile Stone Bloomingdale 9th Ward vice John Morrill—Resigned

A Petition from the Society for the promotion of Industry in the City of New York, soliciting pecuniary aid, was read, and referred to the Committee of Charity

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction ot sundry Nuisances on the Premises of the following Persons, which were passed

Elias Day	Owner	Charlton Street		
J. Henry	Occpt			a Lot
John Charters	Owner	"	"	"
D. Marsh	Occpt			
Jno J. Astor	Owner	"	"	"
Sarah Bertoff	"	Thompson St		Privy
Jas Ennis	"	"	"	"
John. J. Astor	"	Van Damme	"	Lot
Ditto	"	"	"	"
J. V. B. Varick	Owner & Occpt	56 Water	"	Privy
Jas Stoughton	Agent	58 Water	"	"
Mrs Vail	Occpt			
Jas. Purdy	Owner & Occpt	Hudson	"	Lot
[333] Mrs Bertine	Owner	304 Broadway		Privy
J. Russell	Occpt			
Jas Cave	Owner	41 Roosevelt St		"
Jonas Enquest	Occpt			
Chas Loss	Owner	Beach	"	Lot
Rt R. Hunter Esq	Owner	112 Reed	"	"

Wm Provost Jno Daniels		Owner Occpt	26 Oliver	St	Lot
Robt Bogardus Wm Bethel	Executors to Estate of Capt Harrison		63 James	"	"

(Signed) Geo. Cuming
Cy. Inspr

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the assessment for flagging the side Walks in Broad Way between Franklin and Canal Street, whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee, and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors in each, viz

For regulating Charlton Street and Hammersley Street, and for a Well and [334] Pump in Cherry Street between Market and Pike Streets

He also presented the following Assessments, vizt For a Well and Pump in Cliff Street, and for One in Green Street for paving Broadway from Prince to Bleecker Street, and for paving the Alley from Broadway to Lumber Street, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector—Also for Well and Pump in Jay Street near Staple Street, and for a Well and Pump in Green Street between Houston and Prince Streets which were confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward, and Street Commissioner on the Petition for regulating the Street at the junction of Orange and Bayard, presented a Report in favour of Petition, and presented therewith, an Ordinance for regulating and paving Orange Street from Bayard to Pump Street, which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee, and Aquila Giles were appointed [335] Assessors therein

The Committee of Applications on the Petition of Thomas. W. Gilbert for appointment of Collector of Taxes remaining uncollected, reported: That the Arrearages of Taxes returned by the different Ward Collectors as not collectable for Five or Six Years past amount to about Thirty Thousand Dollars—Your Committee have made enquiry, and believe that a large proportion of the above sum can be collected; if it should be thought proper to appoint a Person for the collection of the same—The above named applicant has been actively engaged for some time past in ascertaining the above Amount, and in making a Set of Books necessary for the collection of the same,

independently of which, your Committee believe said Applicant to be a very fit and proper Person to receive said appointment

Your Committee beg leave to offer respectfully, the following Resolutions for consideration

Resolved that Thomas. W. Gilbert be appointed Collector for the Arrearages. [336] of Taxes due the City and County of New York, and that he give good and sufficient security for the same, and that those Ward Collectors, who have received any Taxes since they have returned the Tax Books of their respective Wards, pay the same to the said Thomas. W. Gilbert

Resolved that the said Collector receive as a compensation for his services Ten per Cent on all Monies collected by him

Resolved that the Room lately occupied as a Loan Office in the City Hall, be appropriated for the use of the said Collector

(Signed) Effingham Schieffelin.
" Jacob. B. Taylor.
" Leonard Kip.

The two first Resolutions were agreed to, and the further consideration of the third in relation to a Room in the Hall for an office, was postponed

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition for regulating Washington Street from Spring to Hammersley Street, reported; That they have examined the Contract, and viewed the situation of the [337] Street, the regulation of which had been abandoned for a considerable time by the Contractor, except two carts, which had been set to work two days before they called to view the Street, since which a number of Carts have been employed at taking the earth out of Washington Street between Clarkson and Christopher Streets—for filling up Mr Astor's Lots—The Contract for this regulation expired on the First of September last—A considerable deal of labour has been expended on different parts, but there is no part in a finished state—By a note received from the Contractor, he pledges himself to have the whole regulation completed without delay—Your Committee would however recommend, that the Street Commissioner be directed to have all that part of Washington Street lying between Spring and Hammersley Street filled in, and completed at the same time that they are digging out the upper part

(Signed) Eldad Holmes
" Leonard Kip
" John Remmey
" Jno McComb St Comr

[338] which was approved

The Counsel presented a Grant to Henry Waring for a Water Lot at Brooklyn, which was directed to be duly executed

The Finance Committee presented the following List of Monies due the Corporation, which they considered as Insolvent—and which they recommend might be closed in the Books, which was approved, and directed to be done accordingly

Francis Baysher	$100.	due in 1811
James Blanchard	103.80	" " 1806
Peter Lott	30.	" " 1805
Chas & Philip Earle	137.50	" " 1805
Christn Hawser	10.	" " 1810
Thos Mac Williams	5.46	" " 1806
David Ross	125.	" " 1806
Thomas McGrath	80.	" " 1810
James Abeel	243.	" " 1817
Garrit Nafee	140.	" " 1808
John White	22.56	" " 1804
John K. Furman	62.50	" " 1806
Wm Ovutt	21.87	" " 1808
Lewis Keefe	225.	" " 1808
Abm Hyler	20.	" " 1808
[339] Mary Sherwood	13.75	" " 1811
Abm King	320.	" " 1811
John Striker	20.	" " 1811

Several other Accounts they have directed to be put in Suit, and have instructed the Comptroller and Counsel to press the collection of such others, as they on due enquiry may deem expedient

(Signed) Th. R. Smith.
" Stephen Allen.
" Samuel Akerley.
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of sundry Pawnbrokers, reported,

That they have examined the subject, and are of opinion, that the Law passed Fifth of May relative thereto was not intended to apply to those Persons, who took out Licenses previous to the First of May last, but to such only as should apply after that period; and they think it only reasonable that this should be the course pursued: it is therefore proposed to adopt the following Resolution

Resolved that the Law of the Corporation [340] regulating Pawnbrokers, passed the Fifth day of May be, and it is hereby considered as not applying to Persons, who obtained licenses any time during the Year ending the First day of May last, so far as it respects the amount to be paid for such license on an application for it's renewal, but that they pay in proportion to the time such license may have to run until the second Monday in May next

(Signed) Th. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerley

which was approved

The Finance Committee on the Subject of commuting with Owners and Consignees of Vessels bringing Alien Passengers, presented a Report, which was postponed until the next Meeting of the Board

The Committee on the subject of working the Avenues, presented a Report, which was read, and the consideration postponed

[341] Alderman Smith presented "A Law respecting Swine," which was read, and the consideration postponed

Resolved that the Collector of the Assessment for opening Canal Street, be authorized to use the room lately occupied as the United States Loan office, as an office for the reception of said Assessment

The Comptroller reported,

Balance in the Treasury Sept 22d	$206.95
Received for Rents	3100.62
" " Tavern Licenses	156.70
" " Streets	3472.
" " Canal Street	3000.
" " Mayoralty Fees	308.11
" " Vendue Sales	2500.
" Mechanic's Bank Loan	60.000.
	$72.744.38

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch—1. Dist	$1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
Wm J. Waldron. Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1. Oct	52.

[342] Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspr 1 Mo 1 Oct	52.
Jonathan Weeden Street Inspr 1 " 1 "	52.
Saml Hutchings " " 1 " 1 "	52.
Astin & Cochran Messengers 1 " 1 "	60.
Danl H. Magee Keepr Pottersfield 1 " 1 "	45.
Editor of Columbian—Subscriptn 6 Mos "	75.
Benjn Crane—Stationary—8 May to 22 Sep	137.74
Francis *Fiebner* [Feitner]—9th Ward Tax—balce due	191.79
G. Snethen—Supt Lamps—1 Mo 1. Inst	642.28
R. Munson Esq—for 12 Casks Oil of J. N Crosby	464.33
L. S. Burling for redemptn Bills Credit	3000.
D. E. Tylee & J. Bloodgood. redeemg Bills. 6 days ea	24.
J. McComb. St Comr for repairs of Roads	500.
R. Munson Esq. for Bridge & Road near Kingsbridge	200.
Caleb Filsch—1s Instalt Well & Pump—Jay Street	56.
Thos Ridgway 1 " " & " Laurens St	36.85
Gideon Tucker—Accot buildg Cistern Forsyth Street	500.
Thompson Price Accot Contract for Wall North Park	400.
Abel. W. Hardenbrook. Balce for Engines to 10 May	1028.87
John Anderson. last Instalt Pier Dey St	4735.48
Thos Barnum. Superg Piers & Wharves 24 days—4 Oct	48.
John. V. B. Varick Atty—balce Award 13th Street &c	522.46
Wm Berrian—Award for Hudson St	6242.89
J. J. Labouisse " " " "	5084.77
James Jenkins " " " "	5000.
Jacob Harsin balance Award Mott "	4053.38
Henry Heiser—Award Hudson "	9750.
[343] John. H. Douglass—balance Award for Hudson Street	2778.
John Martin—Award for " "	2470.
John Van Orden " " " "	2500.
Samuel Gedney " " Bridge St	1022.60
Chas Moony—Accot pavg Cross Street	300.
Peter Lorillard—Award for Water St	250.25
Dr John Watts—balce Award Bridge "	230. 5
Jas Meghan Accot pavg Broadway	200.
Catharine Duryea—Award for Bridge St	188.65
J. McComb. St Comr balce to pay Expences on Orange Street	173.
Simon Schemerhorn—Award for Bridge St	97.13
Eliza Grayson & Matthew Grayson Award for Water Street	96.50
Mary Watts— Award for Bridge "	80.85
Catharine Watts " " " "	76.36
Catharine Schemerhorn Award Water St	59.25
Robert Watts—Award Bridge St	55.30
Saml Stilwill " Water "	54.75
Letty Grayson " " "	48.25
Hugh Smith—Earth filled on No 50 Cross St Lien	27.12
Willm Callender—Award Water St	15.
W. Fish Treasurer for 20th Dividend City Stock	10.500.

J. P. Roome Superᵗ Repairs—for Repairs Docks	2372.83
Ditto " " for Repairs	1200.
Ditto " " " Lamps	250.
[344] Benjⁿ U. Coles—Award for Bridge Sᵗ	1959.66
	$72.226.14
Cash in the Treasury	72.744.38
56 Accounts Audited	72.226.14
Balance	518.24
Thoˢ R. Smith Treasʳ Board of Health	250.
Balance	268.24

Adjourned till Tomorrow 5. O. clock. P. M

[345] In Common Council October. 7th 1817.

Present. The Honbˡᵉ Jacob Radcliff Mayor
Richard Riker Esq Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John. B. Coles.	Samˡ Jones Junʳ
Joˢ Warren Brackett.	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes.	Leonard Kip
Thomas. R. Smith.	Wᵐ F. Vⁿ Amringe
George Buckmaster.	William Stone
Arthur Burtis	John Remmey
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerley
Reuben Munson	Jacob. B. Taylor
	Stephen Allen

The Board met agreeably to their adjournment

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of General Scott, and the Resolutions proposed by the Recorder at the last Meeting, presented a Report

The letter of General Scott was in the words following.

Head Qrs. 1st & 3rd Mil. Deptˢ
Castle Clinton Oct. 6. 1817

[346] Sir,

I am sorry to learn that my silence in respect to the Report made by the Special Committee, to which was referred my letter to you on the subject of certain Staff Offices, has been considered as disrespectful to the Corporation, over which you preside—I beg leave to disclaim any such sentiment

The cause of my silence is to be found in the concluding words of that Report The Committee take the broad ground that " the Grant conveys the Premises, in question, to the United States, for the purposes of fortifications, and they do not consider the occupation of the Premises with Public offices as within the spirit or meaning of the Grant " which report was read and adopted by the Common Council— After this Solemn decision, all further discussion appeared to me useless; neither could I desist from erecting the proposed offices, with such a declaration of right staring me in the face, without abandoning the rights of the United States, and Sacrificing the good of the public service

By what process of reasoning, the Committee or the Council came to the conclusion above cited, it is difficult to imagine: for after the word " fortifications " quoted [347] in the Report, the Grant expressly adds " or for such other purpose as the Public may be immediately interested in." This clause, however, was either overlooked or suppressed by the Committee

Perhaps it will be said (indeed I understand that it has already been said) that the Corporation exceeded its powers in making the grant in question to the U. States—However strong this argument might be in the mouth of a third Party, it is presumed, that the Corporation itself will not impugn it's own act, or deny it's own authority

Upon the whole, I have determined to go on with the Buildings in question, unless stopped by the Civil Authority, or some Military Superior—Nevertheless, as Castle Clinton in my judgment, and that of the Chief of the Corps of Engineers, is only valuable to the United States as a place of quarters, and for the transaction of public business, I will, if it be the wish of the Corporation, recommend it to the Government to exchange the Premises in question for an equivalent in the City I. have the honour to be [348] Sir,

with great respect,

Yr Mo Obdt Servt

[Signed] Winfield Scott.

To/.

His Honour,
The Mayor of New York

The Resolutions were as follows

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to take the usual measures to prevent the erection of any Buildings or obstructions on the Battery

Resolved that a Select Committee be appointed to adopt such further measures as circumstances may require, to carry the views of the Board into effect

The Report of the Committee, was as follows

The Committee appointed by the Board to take into consideration, the nature, extent, and legal effect of the Grant made by the State to the Corporation of this City, of the Battery, and of the Grant made by the Corporation to the United States of a part thereof: and also to consider of the proper measures to be adopted by the Board, respectfully Report

That by an Act of the Legislature [349] passed Twentieth of March Seventeen hundred and ninety, the State of New York vested the Battery in the Corporation of this City "to remain for the pur- "pose of erecting Public Buildings and Works of Defence thereon; "but without any power to dispose thereof for any other use or pur- "pose whatsoever, and without any power of selling any part thereof"

On the day of November Eighteen hundred and Seven, the Corporation in consideration of One Dollar granted to the United States the Soil under water, upon which the Fort at the Battery is erected, and also a small portion of the Battery contiguous to the Bridge, for the purpose of "constructing and erecting Fortifications "for the defence of the Port and Harbour of New York." The Committee deem it unnecessary at this time to enter into any discussion of the right of the Corporation to make this Grant as they are decidedly of opinion, that the Grant itself does not give the power contended for, of erecting Offices for the Staff.

It is not contended that the words above quoted from the Grant, convey to the United States, the right to erect those Buildings—This power, however, is attempted [350] to be gleaned from the Proviso which follows the Grant, and is in these words, viz: "Provided al- "ways, and this Grant is upon this condition, that if at any time here- "after, the said Premises hereby granted, shall cease to be used for "the purpose of fortifications, or for such other purpose as the Public "may be immediately interested in, then, and from thenceforth, the "said Premises, or so much thereof, as shall cease to be used and "applied to the purposes aforesaid, shall revert &c, and that the "Mayor, &c. may enter &c. Now the office of a proviso, is to limit, restrict, or qualify a Grant, and how it can be so construed as to extend it, is to your Committee altogether incomprehensible The object of this proviso is strikingly manifest. As according to the Grant, independent of the proviso, the United States would forever

have the power of erecting fortifications upon the Premises, altho' they might omit to erect them for any length of time, or although they might make use of the ground for purposes foreign to the objects of the Grant, it was prudently provided, that in the event of their "ceasing to use the Premises for the purpose of fortifications, [351] "or for such other purpose as the Public might be immediately inter- "ested in, then the Premises should revert": and of course that the United States after that should not even have the power of erecting fortifications upon it—So far then from the words "or for such "other purpose as the Public may be immediately interested in" extending the Rights of the Grantees, they mention an event, upon the happening of which, the rights of the Grantees shall be forfeited—Nor can the words in the Proviso be made use of for the purpose of explaining the Grant—The words in the Grant "for the purpose of con- "structing and erecting fortifications" are of too plain and definite a signification to require, or even to admit of any explanation; but if it were admissable to recur to the Proviso for that purpose, the words "for the purpose of constructing and erecting fortifications" could never be so tortured as to be made to signify the right of erecting Offices for the accommodation of the General Staff Officers for a whole Military District, and this more especially, when it is conceded that the fortifications to which they are attached, are "only valuable as a place of Quarters, and for the [352] transaction of public business"—But if the words "for such other purposes as the Public may be immediately interested in are to be considered as extending the Grant, still it remains to be proved that the Offices for the Staff are within the purview of them. It does not say, for such other purposes as the United States may be interested in, but "for such purposes as the Public may be immediately interested in"—Who then are meant by the "Public"? Who are to have this immediate interest? Does it mean the People of the United States, or of this State generally, or only the People of this City? As the expression is indefinite, it is proper to recur to the Recital of the Grant in order to ascertain it's precise signification, and so to construe it, as to carry into effect the object of the Grant—From the recital, it appears that the object of making the Grant was to provide for the defence of the Port and Harbour of New York The Public therefore, who are to have an immediate interest in the uses for which this ground is to be appropriated, are the People of this City—Their interest in Offices [353] for the General Staff Officers is not immediate, but one which they have in common with the People of the United States at large—The Committee

however, are of opinion that any further discussion of the respective rights of the Corporation, and of the United States is unnecessary, as they are persuaded that the President of the United States, will, upon a suitable representation being made to him of the wishes of the People of this City, direct that the Buildings contemplated, shall not be erected—They therefore respectfully recommend, that his Honour the Mayor be requested to transmit to the President, the communications which have passed between the commanding Officer of this District, and the Board, together with a letter expressive of the sentiments and feelings of the Members of the Corporation and of the Inhabitants of this City, upon this subject*

[354] Upon the question of agreeing to the same, it was carried in the affirmative and the same Committee were appointed to carry the Resolutions into effect

Alderman Smith presented a Law, entitled "A Law prohibiting the driving of Horses and Carriages on the Battery" which was passed, and the Clerk was directed to cause the same to be immediately published

The Law, entitled "A Law respecting Swine was called up, and passed

The Report of the Committee respecting the expense of working the Avenues. &c. was called up, and being read, is in the words following:

The Committee, to whom was referred for consideration, the Resolution some time since submitted to the Board, relative to the expense already incurred, or which hereafter may be incurred of opening and working the Avenues, Report

That they have gone into an examination of the same, and have bestowed considerable [355] reflection on a subject which must be deemed of much importance: on the one hand, affecting in no small degree the Public Treasury, as well as the interest of Individuals on the other

They have also been put in possession of the opinion of the Counsel† in relation to the legality of such a measure, and have been governed in their Report accordingly

From this opinon, it appears that it would be illegal to interfere with the expenses, as already adjusted and settled, for opening such Avenues, as have been opened; and the Committee beleive, that the same course may, without impropriety, be pursued in relation to such

* Space left blank for names of committee.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *For opinion see file of Papers for 1817.*—ED.

others as may be hereafter opened. But they are decidedly of opinion that it is only just and reasonable that some portion at least, of the expense of working the Avenues should be born by the Owners of the adjacent Property, who must, unquestionably, be more or less benefitted thereby

What this proportion should be, the Committee are desirous of leaving entirely to the decision of the Board, and [356] therefore decline giving an opinion thereon—With regard to the Streets hereafter to be opened, intersecting the Avenues, your Committee do not hesitate to say, that, in their estimation, the whole expense of opening and putting them in order, should be defrayed by the Owners of the Property; and until it is ascertained that the Owners of two-thirds of the Property adjacent, or property to be benefitted, are desirous of such improvement, the same ought not to be done

Your Committee therefore beg leave to propose, that instead of the Board adopting the Resolution as referred, the following be agreed to, the blanks filled up, and that it be acted on with all convenient speed

First. Resolved, that one-third of the expense of working the Avenues already opened, shall be born by the Property adjacent; the assessments to be laid in proportion to the relative benefit derived from the improvement, according to the usual manner of laying Assessments

Second Resolved, that the whole [357] of the expense of working the Streets hereafter to be worked and intersecting the Avenues, be born in the manner aforesaid; and that hereafter, no Street intersecting the said Avenues shall be worked, unless on the application of the Owners of two-thirds of the Property adjacent

(Signed) Thomas. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerley

The question being taken on the first Resolution and a Division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 11 Ald^{n} Coles—Holmes—Smith—Munson—Buckmaster. Mess^{r} Stevens—Kip—Van Amringe—Remmey Akerley—Taylor

Negative 5 Ald^{n} Brackett Burtis Thorp M^{r} Jones Allen

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and was carried in the Affirmative

Alderman Thorp gave notice, that he [358] would at the next Meeting move for a reconsideration—The Clerk was directed to cause Fifty copies to be printed for the use of the Members

Adjourned to meet on next Monday week

[359] In Common Council October 20th 1817

Present The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jos Warren Brackett	Saml Jones Junr
Anthy L. Underhill	Saml Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip
Thomas. R. Smith	Wm F. Vn Amringe
George Buckmaster	Willm Stone
Arthur Burtis	John Remmey
Reuben Munson	Saml Akerley
	Jacob. B. Taylor
	Effinghm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of the two last Meetings were read and approved

An invitation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church to attend the solemnization of the third Jubilee of the Reformation on Friday the 31st day of October inst in St Paul's Church, enclosing tickets for the Members, was read and accepted

A Petition of Stephen Huestus of the Town [360] of Haerlem in the Ninth Ward, for the appointment of a Weigher of Hay, and for permission to erect a Hay Scales, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward to report

A Petition of Samuel Thorn was received, stating that he holds an appointment of Measurer of Lime under the Corporation—that he was employed to measure lime from a vessel in this City: that application was made to the Captain for some lime to be delivered at Brooklyn: that he was employed to measure it, and the vessel was removed to Brooklyn, and while lying there and below low water mark, he measured the same: that he was prosecuted at the suit of the Corporation of Brooklyn for measuring without a license from them: the cause was tried at Brooklyn, and the Petitioner was cast and a judgment for Twenty five Dollars rendered against him, for which he was imprisoned; and praying relief from the Board—Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel

[361] A Petition of Salem Wines Boatbuilder, for remission of fine by incumbering the Street with a Boat he had built and was painting, was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner and Counsel.

A further Petition of Benjamin Hills and Reuben Ayres for remission of fine incurred by erecting a Building on the Lot at the Corporation Basin, accompanied with an affidavit, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward and Attorney

A Petition of Warburton Scroghem for remission of fine incurred

by incumbering the Street, was read, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Peter DeBoun for advance of Fifteen hundred Dollars on his Contract for paving Greenwich Street, was read, and laid on the table

A Petition of the Justices of the Justices Court, praying that Benches may be erected in their Court room, and that a Marshall [362] may be appointed to attend them, to be paid by the Corporation, was read, and laid on the table

A Petition of Abraham Van Tassel for remission of fine incurred by discharging a Musket within the limits prohibited by law, was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward

A Petition was received from the Inhabitants of Grand Street, stating that the quantity of water in times of heavy rains and thaws discharged through that street is exceedingly inconvenient to them, and they recommend to remedy the inconvenience the widening of that part of Grand Street, between the Bowery and Rynder Street, to the extent of Seventy feet—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Proposal was received from David Longworth to furnish a number of the Maps of the City lately printed by him, for the sum of One Dollar and twenty five cents a piece, which was referred to the [363] Finance Committee with authority to make the purchase for the use of the Members of the Board, if the Street Commissioner approve of the said Map

An Account of Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House to the 31. July 1817 examined and certified to be correct by the Commissioners of the Alms House, by which it appeared a Balance was due from the Corporation to said Superintendant of Ten hundred and sixty six Dollars and seventy nine cents, was read, and ordered to be filed with the Comptroller

A Petition of George Wragg, and a Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants remonstrating against the widening of Spring Street from Thompson Street, were read

The Committee, to whom the Petition from the Inhabitants of Spring Street, for widening said Street from Thompson Street to Wooster Street, reported in favour of the Petition, which was approved, and the Counsel was directed to take the necessary [364] legal measures for carrying the same into effect

A Petition of Charles Gwyer for Stall N° 9, Washington Market, and from John Fash and Matthew Buchanan for Stalls in the New

Market to be erected near Rynder Street, were read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial from David Dunham and others, Proprietors of the Ferry at Delancey Slip, complaining of the extension of the Lease of the Ferry at Grand Street, and praying an extension of the Lease of their Ferry, was read, and referred to the Ferry Committee

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give notice to the Applicants for the Ferry at Grand Street, that, unless they took out their Lease for the same on or before the First of November next, this Board would not consider themselves under an obligation to give them the Grant after that day

A Remonstrance was received from a num- [365] ber of Proprietors of Lots in Greenwich Village against the Regulation, which directs the immediately filling up of Asylum Street, as they consider that measure would occasion at this time unnecessarily great expense and inconvenience to many, who hold leased Lots on that Street —which being read, it was Resolved that the subject be referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with authority to suspend the proceedings in that Street

A Remonstrance against opening Anthony Street to Cross and Orange Streets, was presented and read—The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition for opening said Street, reported,

That they have given the subject due consideration, and are decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, as the opening and extending of Anthony Street to the intersection of Orange and Cross Streets, will be a much more valuable improvement than the plan contemplated, which was, to extend Anthony Street to Little Water Street, and to widen Little Water Street to forty feet

[366] They would therefore recommend, that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take legal measures for carrying said improvement into effect, agreeable to a Map herewith submitted, and also that he take measures to stop the proceedings relating to widening Little Water Street

(Signed) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r

which was approved

A Petition of George Bonner for permission to raise about Six feet on a One Story Wooden Building in rear of a fire proof house

which he has erected in Duane Street, was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

A Memorial was received from the Executors of Caspar Semlee deceased, stating that they own considerable ground in that part of the reservation for public purposes made by the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads, called the Parade: that by the Provisions of the Law, no use [367] can be made by the Proprietors, and praying the Corporation will either take the said Premises and pay the Proprietors therefor, or relinquish the same—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places

A complaint of the Inhabitants of Ferry Street, that the Drain in said Street was stopped, and the cellars in the vicinity thereby overflowed, was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to cause the same to be remedied

A Petition for a Well in Herring Street was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, to report an Ordinance therefor

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances on the premises of the following Persons, which were passed

E. Billington	Owner	34	Robinson St	Privy
J. Smith	Occpt			
E. Benedict	Lessee	21	Nassau "	"
E. Butman	Lessee & Occpt	Bowery & Broome St		"
[368] John. F. Cox	Owner		Broadway	Lot
Geo. Thompson Junr	" & Occpt		Eldridge St	"
Jas T. Leonard Esq	"	13	Anthony St	"
Stephen Lyon	"		Mott "	"
Henry Rutgers Esq	"		Jefferson "	"

(Signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspr

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Comp. No 1.

Benjamin Dodge—Carpenter—62 Chapel St 5th Ward vice Abraham Bogart—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp. No 18.

William Willis—Tanner—50 Cherry St 4th Ward vice John. B. Kirkpatrick—Resigned

Fire Engine Comp N° 26.

Sackett Brown—Shipwright—Montgomery S^{t} 7th Ward vice Benjamin Thomas—Resigned

Henry Howard was also appointed Fire Warden of the Eighth Ward in the place of Tunis Van Pelt—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed [369] and the following Collectors appointed, viz:

Assessments for Well and Pump in Laurens Street between Spring and Broome Streets, For paving Hudson Street from Duane to Chamber Street; and for paving State Street, in which, Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector—For flagging the side Walks of Broadway from Prince to Bleecker Street—and for flagging the side walks between Canal and Prince Streets, in which, Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Division Street near corner of Arundel Street, which was passed, and Jacob. C. Mott, John Brower, and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessment for opening Hudson Street, whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same

The Counsel presented the following Report on the subject of widening Harman Street

The Counsel of the Board begs leave respect- [370] fully to state, that Henry Rutgers, Anna Bancker, John Beekman and Wife, W^{m} B. Crosby and wife, and William Vail and wife have released to the Corporation, all the ground belonging to them, and which is required for the purpose of widening Harman Street, excepting the reservation made in their proposition, of the ground at and near the corner of Catharine and Harman Streets, and also about eight inches in width of a Lot fronting on Catharine Street—The Counsel therefore herewith respectfully submits for execution, the Draft of a Petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of widening Harman Street, in pursuance of the order of the Board

(Signed) Ogden Edwards

whereupon the Petition to the Supreme Court presented by him was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel presented a Deed to Will^{m} Pye for Lot in Chamber

Street, which was directed to be executed—He also stated that the Comptroller had informed him [371] that, he intended in his report on the case of Henry Waring for Lot at Brooklyn, it should be made to him on the same terms with that to Gideon Kimberley—He therefore recommended that the former Deed, which he reported for Mr Waring, be cancelled, and that one, which he had prepared agreeably to the instruction of the Comptroller, should be executed; which was approved

He also stated that William Cutting objected to taking the Lease for the Wharf at Brooklyn, as it contained a Covenant for him to make all extraordinary as well as ordinary repairs—Whereupon it was Resolved that the Counsel be authorized to frame the Lease, so as that the Lessee shall be only bound to make the ordinary repairs

He also stated that the Persons, who had bid off the Lots leased at auction by the Comptroller, had neglected to take out their Leases, and he recommended that the Comptroller should be authorized to lease them anew, if they do not take them out forthwith; which was approved, and the [372] Counsel was directed to compel the said Persons to pay for the use and occupation of said Premises

The Mayor stated that agreeably to the directions of the Board, he had addressed a letter to the President of the United States, on the subject of the offices which General Scott was about erecting on the Battery—Whereupon the Clerk was directed to enter said letter at length upon the Minutes of the Corporation

New York Oct. 9. 1818

Sir,

In obedience to a Resolution of the Common Council of this City, it is my duty to address you on a subject which has become extremely unpleasant, and has excited great interest amongst our Citizens in general, as well as the Members of the Common Council I am instructed to address you on this occasion, because the Common Council as well as the Inhabitants of this City feel the highest confidence, that on a fair representation of the case, you will be disposed not only to do them ample justice, but to gratify their reasonable wishes, as far as consistently [373] can be done—On the 16th July last I received a letter from Majr General Scott informing me that he proposed to erect certain Public Offices for the United States service on the ground granted by the Corporation of New York, immediately adjoining the Guard Houses in front of Castle Clinton, and of a style and height to correspond with those buildings. The General appre-

hended that no legal objection could be made, but nevertheless stated, that should other objections exist, they would be entitled to a respectful consideration—It may be proper to mention that the ground in question forms a part of what is called the Battery, which has always been exclusively appropriated to the use of our Citizens as a place of public resort and recreation, and is valued by them as one of the greatest privileges and ornaments of our City

This letter from Gen[l] Scott was submitted to the Common Council at their first Meeting thereafter on the 28[th] July—The subject was immediately felt to be interesting, and was referred to a Special Committee of the Board, who, after a conference with Co[l] Mullany, in the absence of General [374] Scott made a report on the day of last which was adopted by the Board, and communicated to Gen[l] Scott, copies of which and of the previous letter of Gen[l] Scott are herewith transmitted

By this Report it will be seen that the Committee, altho' they expressed a decided opinion against the legal right of the United States to occupy the ground in question for the purposes intended, relied principally on the expectation that whatever opinion might be entertained as to the right, the United States would not, after the avowal that "other objections would be entitled to respectful consideration," be disposed to persevere in a project, the execution of which would be disagreeable and offensive both to the Corporation and the Citizens of New York, and which they supposed could not be of much importance to the Public Service—With this expectation on the part of the Common Council the matter rested until within a few days past, when they were informed that Gen[l] Scott was proceeding to cause one of the buildings to be erected

This proceeding immediate- [375] ly excited a strong sensation throughout this City, and altho' Gen[l] Scott supposes it to have been produced by artificial means, I take the liberty to say that I am convinced he is mistaken and misinformed, and that I have never known an occurrence, on which the Corporation of this City, or its Citizens in general have evinced a more lively interest, and been more unanimous and decided than on the present occasion

At the next Meeting of the Common Council on the 6[th] Instant when this subject was about to be taken up, another letter was received from Gen[l] Scott, a copy of which is also herewith given—this letter was not calculated to conciliate or remove the cause of complaint—It not only asserted the right of the United States to erect the Buildings in question, and the determination of the General to pro-

ceed in erecting them, unless prevented by the civil authority, or a Military Superior, but it contained intimations which rendered it impossible for the Common Council to have any further communication with Gen[l] Scott on the subject—It was also stated in this letter, that in the [376] judgment of Gen[l] Scott and that of the Chief of the Corps of Engineers "Castle Clinton is only valuable to the United "States as a place of Quarters, and for the transaction of public "business"

In farther proceeding on this subject, the Common Council deemed it necessary to interpose their authority to prevent the Building from being immediately erected, and the consequences which they apprehended might flow from it—This was accordingly done, and Gen[l] Scott has acquiesced in the exercise of that authority until the question of right be settled or farther instructions be received

The Common Council at the same time appointed another Special Committee to take into consideration the nature, extent, and legal effect of the respective grants made by the State to the Corporation of the Battery, and by the Corporation to the United States of a part thereof, and that the Committee report particularly the uses and purposes to which the land granted by the Board to the United States may be appropriated, and also that they report the means, which in their opinion ought to [377] be adopted to prevent any part of the Battery from being occupied or used for the erection of any Buildings except for the sole purpose of defence—On this reference, the Committee on the 7[th] Inst made a Report, a copy of which is also herewith transmitted, in which Report the Common Council unanimously concurred—A copy of the Grant from the Corporation to the United States, referred to in this Report, is also herewith sent—In this Report, the question of right is discussed, and represented, as the Corporation apprehend, in it's true light

But it is not on the question of right merely, which might be considered as referable to a Judicial Tribunal only, that the present application is made: when it is acknowledged that Castle Clinton is only valuable to the United States as a place of Quarters, and for the transaction of public business, and not for the purpose of defending this City; when quarters may be had and business transacted in any other place; when the possession of the whole of the Battery, and even the extension of it for the benefit of our Citizens is con- [378] sidered by them to be highly important and interesting: when the occupation of any part of it for private convenience or the purpose of business is rigorously denied to our own Citizens, and when a strong,

unanimous, and decided sentiment exists on this subject against the measure proposed, the Corporation confidently hope and beleive that without regard to any question of right, the Government of the United States will not permit any Buildings or obstructions to be erected upon it, which must necessarily interfere with the interests and enjoyments of the Inhabitants of this City, wound their feelings, and become extremely offensive to them

The Buildings proposed to be erected it is said would be ornamental, but in the view of our Citizens, no Building there can be an Ornament—If the Battery were covered with Palaces, they would be deemed so many Nuisances—It is the free and open space of the Battery to the Harbour and surrounding Shores, that constitutes it's greatest beauty and ornament, and I may venture to say, that the Inhabitants of this City, concurring in [379] the opinion expressed by Gen[l] Scott and the chief Engineer, would rather see this Castle demolished, than experience any farther encroachment on the grounds of the City

I do not know that I can do justice to the feelings of our Citizens on this subject—It is true they are highly excited, and it is impossible to restrain them; but the excitement is spontaneous and universal, and their opinions, I have no doubt, are fixed and unalterable—On behalf of the Common Council and the Citizens of New York, I therefore entreat that your Excellency will be pleased to interpose your authority on this occasion, and prevent the erection of the Buildings in question

Should other explanations be desired, the Common Council contemplate the measure of sending an Agent to Washington for the purpose of making any further representations that may be necessary—At the same time they feel a confidence that this appeal to your justice, and regard for the Citizens of New York will be successful, and that their wishes will be gratified

I have the honor to be &c. &c,

(Signed) Jacob Radcliff

To his Excellency
James Monroe
President of the U. S.

[380] The Committee on the Petition of J. S. Sommers, reported; That they have had under their consideration the said Petition, and certain other Papers and Documents in relation to the conduct and practices of the said Sommer as a Money or Pawn Broker, and after the consideration which your Committee have given the same, they

are of opinion, that the said John. S. Sommer is an improper Person to be licensed as a Money or Pawn Broker—And your Committee recommend that the Clerk of this Board inform the said Sommer, that he can no longer follow the said occupation of a Money or Pawn Broker

(Signed) Samuel Stevens
" John Remmey

which was approved, and the Clerk was directed to give him notice, that he could no longer continue the business of a Pawn Broker

The Market Committee on the Petition of Richard Smith, reported;

That in their opinion the Prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, and recommend that the Comptroller report a Warrant for Ten Dollars and ninety one cents for Costs [381] paid by him for defending a Suit as Deputy Clerk of Washington Market -

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant therefor

The same Committee on the Petition of Nich^{s} Dean and Nicholas Lawrence, reported: That they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and recommend that Nicholas Lawrence be permitted to occupy the Stall N^{o} 45 Catharine Market, and Nicholas Dean occupy the Stall N^{o} 5 Washington Market

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill

which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition of Henry Hoffman, reported:

That the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and he be permitted to occupy the Stand N^{o} 2 in Grand Street Market [382] *Market*

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone

which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition of Blaze Ten Broeck, reported

That in their opinion the Prayer of the Petitioner to occupy the Stall N° 48 Catharine Market be granted, and that he be licensed for the same

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone

which was approved

The Committee on Wharves on the Petition of Henry Eckford, reported

That they have enquired into the merits of his application, and do recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, agreeable to the proposals offered by the aforesaid Henry Eckford under the direction of the Street Commissioner, reserving the right to the Corporation to occupy [383] said Pier at any time when it shall in their opinion be necessary to apply it to public uses

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes

which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition of Garrit Walgrove, reported

That they have taken into consideration his Petition, and recommend that he be permitted to erect his Scales at the Albany Basin on the Hudson River during the pleasure of the Corporation, and that the Street Commissioner will assign the most proper place on the aforesaid vacant ground

(Signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes

which was approved

The Market Committee on the Petition of Henry Simmons, reported

That after duly examining and considering the matters therein stated, they recommend that the said Henry Simmons be released from all further claims or [384] demands by this Board on him as Security of the late Clerk of the Fly Market, and that the Attorney of the

Board be authorized and directed to discharge the suit commenced upon his Bond on his paying the costs

(Signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone

which was approved

The Attorney on the Petition of Tunis Duryee, Patrick Frayne, and William Poyntz reported—That the complaint was made by Mr Hall who superintends the Convicts working on the road, who states that on or about the 23rd July he discovered four Cartmen with their horses and carts, in the act of loading—He took their numbers from their Carts, and on examining at the Mayor's Office, it appeared on the Book of Cartmen, that three of the numbers were licensed by the above named Individuals, but the fourth number remained unlicensed by any one—He states that they did not [385] dump their loads as the Petitioners state, but carted them away: that earth has been frequently taken by Cartmen from said Avenue, but he cannot say that he ever saw the Petitioners there before—On the part of Poyntz, it is stated not only upon his own assertion, but upon the authority of Mr Lester, that it was the first time that he had ever been in said Avenue for earth, and was induced to go there by other Cartmen, who informed him that he could get earth at that place—That he had lately come from Westchester, and received his license but a few days before, viz, on the 24th June as appears by the Book of Licenses

(Signed) A. Sherman

Whereupon Resolved that Duryee and Frayne have leave to withdraw their Petition, and that the fine of Poyntz be remitted on payment of costs

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of the Widow Lang, reported

That in their report to the Board on the Petitions of Ammi Chase and Eliza Coddington, praying for relief on a similar occasion, the Committee expressed an un- [386] [an]imous opinion, that it would be improper to remit Assessments in cases, where the Corporation was only the Agent for collecting and distributing the amount assessed, between the Parties concerned: and they have no reason to alter their opinion in the present case—The Committee have no doubt however, that the Petitioner is poor and an object of Charity: it was their in-

tention therefore to have recommended that the Commissioner of the Alms House should be directed to give her a donation sufficient to have enabled her to discharge the Assessment alluded to, but their intentions have been anticipated by the benevolence of M^r Ezra Weeks, who having a balance due him on Assessments for opening said Street, generously relinquished the same in favour of the Petitioner, by which her necessities have been relieved without the aid of the Committee

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Eldad Holmes
" Arthur Burtis

which was approved

[387] The Committee of Applications on the Petition of John Turk to be appointed a Weighmaster, reported in his favour, and he was accordingly appointed to that office

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of the Society for the promotion of Industry, reported—That the object of the Memorialists appear to the Committee to be laudable, and not subject to the objections that those Institutions are, where relief is granted without any consideration in return—The opinion of your Committee, as expressed on a former occasion in relation to these Institutions, is, that in consequence of the dependance placed by the Poor on the gratuitous relief afforded by them, they become a great and leading cause of Pauperism—The Committee are also decidedly of opinion, that there is nothing which would so effectually tend to the relief of the poor, and excite a spirit of industry and economy among them, as a thorough and convicting knowledge that they would have, in all events to depend entirely on their own exertions for the support of themselves and families

[388] An Institution however, such as the one now under consideration, where those who are willing to work can earn sufficient to relieve their immediate wants, it is believed, if prudently managed, may be productive of considerable good, especially if the price of labour be so regulated as to prevent the claims on the Society from increasing to such an extent, as totally to exhaust it's funds or multiply the Articles manufactured, so as to reduce their value below the first cost of the Material—On the whole, the Committee view the Society for the promotion of Industry to be an experiment likely to produce beneficial effects among the Poor, and a laudable exertion of female benevolence to effect that purpose, and therefore respectfully recom-

mend that a donation be granted the Memorialists of Four hundred Dollars

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Eldad Holmes
" Arthur Burtis

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for Four hundred Dollars agreeably to said Report

[389] The Committee on Public Lands on the Petition of D & G. Bruce, reported,

That they have duly considered the merit due to the Petitioners, and the benefits the Public have and will receive from so useful an Establishment, but cannot recommend a different course of disposing of the Public ground, than has been almost universally pursued—As that part of Chamber Street is now in a state of improvement, and likely to be a place of considerable business, if the whole could be occupied, your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to sell at Public Auction, the Lot applied for in the Petition, formerly granted to the Presbyterian Church for a free School, and the Gore corner of Chamber and Augustus Streets, under the direction of the Finance Committee

(Signed) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob. B. Taylor
" Effingham Schieffelin
" S. Jones Junr

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to advertise and sell the same [390] agreeably to said Report

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the Petition of West & Bloome, reported, That they have examined the validity of the charges as exhibited in an Account presented—It does not appear that authority was given to the Applicants, or to any other person, by a Member of the Board, or either of their officers, to remove the vessel—The Agent of the Lessee of Docks and Slips at that time, encouraged them to undertake the business, under an impression that they would be remunerated by the Corporation—The bill amounts to $52, but the said Agent supposes that $22 would be sufficient to indemnify them for their trouble—There cannot be a legal demand against the Corporation for any expense, and as the precedent might operate un-

favourably to the public interest, should such Accounts be sanctioned, it is respectfully recommended that the application be not granted

(Signed) Jn° M^cComb S^t Com^r
(Signed) G. N. Bleecker Compt^r

which was approved

[391] An invitation from M^r John Scudder Proprietor of the American Museum to the Members of the Board, to attend a course of Lectures on Natural History to be delivered during this coming winter at the Museum by D^r Samuel Akerley, and enclosing Tickets of admission to the Course, was received and accepted

Alderman Thorp, agreeably to notice given at the last Meeting, moved to reconsider the vote then given on the subject of working the Avenues—On the question being taken, it was agreed to reconsider—The Resolutions were then taken up, amended by inserting in the first Resolution, after the word "opened," the words, "or hereafter to be opened," and agreed to

The subject of the encroachment and obstruction of J. R. Livingston on Water S^t, was referred to the Counsel and Attorney to take legal measures to redress the same

Alderman Brackett presented the following

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to procure a suitable Chandelier [392] for the Common Council Room at the expense of the Board, which was approved

Alderman Munson presented the following

Resolved that a Committee be appointed from this Board, together with the Counsel thereof, to enquire if any, and what applications are necessary to be made to the next Legislature of this State, relative to the concerns and public good of this City, and report the same to this Board with all convenient speed: which was approved, and the following Committee appointed

Aldermen Munson — Brackett — Mess^rs Jones — Akerley — & the Counsel

Alderman Smith presented the following

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to furnish a Map of the Public Property at the Corporation Dock, property divided into Lots, in order that the same may be disposed of in such manner as may be deemed most for the public interest, which was agreed to

Alderman Smith presented the following,

Resolved that the order of the Board passed [393] at it's last Meeting, granting a Commission of Ten per Cent to the Collector of

Arrears of Taxes, be repealed, and that his compensation be regulated by the Committee of Finance, which Resolution was agreed to

The Comptroller reported

Balance in the Treasury 6th Inst	$268.24
Recd for Rents	2961.13
" " Taxes	3500.
" " Streets	1750.
" " Canal Street	3600.
" " Wells & Pumps	380.
	$12.459.37

whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Norris & Anderson—Watch 1st Dist	$1118.25
Walton & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
Jacob Radcliff Esq Mayor 1 Qr Saly 18 Inst	1750.
T. & J. Swords—Printg & Bindg Laws of Corpn	377.14
T. & J. Swords—Laws of N. York & Maps for Members of the Board	350.75
Alexr Anderson—Engravings for Bills of Credit	16.
Luke Persiary—Work at Mud Machine 14 June to 29. July	341.43
Jas Meghan—Acct Pavg Broadway—from Canal to Prince St	500.
Abm Stagg—Acct repaving Mulberry St	300.
[394] Abm Stagg—pavg Intersections	8.83
Wm Stewart " Ditto	7.45
Richard Campbell " Do	6.41
John Parsons in full for Well in Greene St	65.25
Caleb Felsch in full for Well in Jay St	56.
Geo. Charlton balce in full for Well in Cliff St	50.
Caleb Felsch in full for Well in Orange St	51. 1
Benjn Armitage—1 Bbl. Spirits Turpentine for Lamps	16.87
Joel West—1 Bbl Spirits Turpentine for do	16.62
J. P. Roome Supt Repairs—for Repairs	995.
Ditto Ditto for Repairs to wharves, Piers, & Slips	306.
Richard Furman—Supt Alms House	5000.
	$12.428.51
Balance	$30 86/100

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 4 O. clock

[395] In Common Council October 27. 1817.

Present. The Honble. J. Radcliff, Mayor, President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip
Robt. McQueen	William Stone
Arthur Burtis	John Remmey
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
George Thorp	Stephen Allen
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Comfort Sands for a Water grant at Brooklyn was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of James Jenkins requesting the Corporation to pay him interest on the sum awarded him for ground taken to open Hudson Street, from the 8th of September when it ought to have been paid [396] until the 9th of October when it was paid to him: and a similar petition from Henry Heiser—were read and referred to the Finance Committee, Street Commissoner & Comptroller.

A Petition of James Farrell, to be permitted to sell furniture at auction in Water Street opposite No. 114, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of Joseph Crowell, Lessee of Hay Scales at Duane Market, against the establishment of Hay Scales at Corporation Dock as ordered by the Board: and a similar Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants—were read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, and the proceedings relative to the establishment of the Scales at the Corporation Dock were ordered to be suspended.

A Petition of Henry Gatty, stating that he had been overrated by the Assessors in relation to his personal Estate, and praying to be released from the payment of the excess, was read. Mr. Stevens [397] presented a Resolution directing the Comptroller to report a Warrant in favor of Mr. Gatty for such sum as it shall appear Mr. Gatty was overrated assuming the value of his personal Estate to be Two thousand dollars—whereupon the Petition & Resolution were referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from Robert Steele, stating that he some years since agreed to release to the Corporation certain lots belonging to him at Inclenburgh: that the same were taken possession of by the Corporation and are still in their possession: that Petitioner is ready to give

the Conveyance for them: and praying the Corporation to complete the agreement and to order the amount due being five hundred dollars to be paid to him with interest thereon—was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A further Petition of West and Blumer, for payment of expences in removing a sunken vessel from one of the Public Slips, was read & laid on the Table.

A Petition of James Proudfit for remission [398] of fine incurred by selling liquor without License, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the portion of fine due to the Corporation.

A Petition of George Janeway and Ann his wife, Mary Van Zandt and Sarah Janeway widow, Devisees of Peter P. Van Zandt deceased, praying for a grant of the Soil under water opposite the property late belonging to said Peter P. Van Zandt deceased and devised to them by his will, lying between Warren and Chamber Streets was read & referred to the Street Commissioner, Counsel and Comptroller.

A Petition of William Few, for remission of a Penalty incurred by not filling in a Lot, was read and granted.

A Petition of Philip Row, for Remission of a Fine incurred by driving a Cart without the number painted thereon, was read & referred to the Attorney with authority to remit.

[399] A Petition of William W. Winans for remission of a fine incurred by selling liquor without license, was read and granted.

A Petition of Philip Ryan for pecuniary aid to enable him to pay an Assessment laid on him for opening Canal Street—was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of William Deming, stating that at the time of the assessment for the Tax of this year being laid he was a resident of the 3^{d} Ward and was then assessed and paid a personal Tax: that the Collector of the 2^{d} Ward has also called on him for a personal tax assessed on him in said Ward, and praying relief—was read—whereupon the Comptroller was directed to instruct the Collector of the 2^{d} Ward not to demand said Tax from Petitioner.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Drain in Ferry Street, praying for reasons therein stated that no part of the expences for repaving the same may be assessed upon them, was read and referred to the [400] Street Commissioner to be by him laid before the Assessors.

A Petition of Elizabeth Thompson for remission of a fine incurred by selling liquor without license, was read and the fine remitted.

A Petition of the Proprietors of the Right of Helmes's Patent Pump boxes, for permission to place a set of the Boxes into the Pump in Fulton Street near Fireman's Hall in order that the public may have an opportunity of judging of their utility, they engaging to pay all the expences & to restore the Pump to its present state if required, or if the boxes answer their expectation to leave them in the Pump for the use of the public—was read and granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a number of Proprietors in Hammond Street, praying that the Curb Stone may be laid in said Street from Asylum Street to Washington [401] Street, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Robert Borland for remission of a fine under the Fire Law, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Counsel.

A Remonstrance against enlarging Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

Petitions were received, from S. G. Dean for Stall No. 43 Catharine Market; from Thomas Harrison and Peter P. Roome for Stalls in the Market about to be erected near Orange Street; from Francis O Neel for a Stall in Fly Market; and from Mr. Landeberge for a Huckster's Stand in Washington Market—which were referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William Hunter & others, Lessees of Grand Street Ferry, for an alteration in the Lease, was read—whereupon the following Resolution was agreed to:

"Resolved, that the Lease [402] of the Grand Street Ferry be so altered, as that the Boats which the Lessees are required to build shall be of the same size and powers with the Boat now employed at the Catharine Market Ferry, and that they shall not be required to surrender up any of the boats employed upon the said ferry at the expiration of the term, and that the Counsel be authorised to alter the Lease accordingly."

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Amos Street, which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Targee were appointed Assessors: also an Ordinance for cleansing the Drain in Ferry Street, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Baudouine and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments, namely—for regulating Lewis St. from Rivington St. to Stanton St. and for regulating and paving Spring Street in the former of which Noah Jarvis, [403] and in the latter M. De Camp were appointed Collectors.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Assessment for erecting a Bulkhead and filling Rutger's Slip, Reported: That

"They have examined the same and can see no cause why the assessment should be returned back to the Assessors—Therefore recommend to the Board that in their opinion the assessment ought to be confirmed."

(sign'd) William Stone
" John Remmey
" Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which was approved, the assessment confirmed and M. De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of Spring Street Basin, which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward, on the Petition of Hill & Ayres, [404] reported—"That they have examined into the merits of the Memorialists, and recommend that the prosecution against them by the Attorney of the Corporation be suspended—they paying costs and that the Chamberlain of the City be requested to suspend any further proceeding."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved.

The Street Commissioner and Counsel of the Board, on the Petition of Salem Wines, reported:

"That the Petitioner has been complained of for placing Boats in the Streets—That it appears from representations made to the undersigned that the persons engaged in the Boat making business, in that part of the city where the petitioner resides, have long been in the practice of putting their boats into the Streets for the purpose of drying them after they are painted, and allege in excuse for so doing that they would be much inconvenienced were they not permitted so to do. It also [405] appears that the petitioner in this case did not receive notice to remove the boats.

"Under these circumstances the undersigned are of opinion that the fine incurred by the Petitioner ought to be remitted upon his paying the costs which have accrued."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards
" Jno. McComb. S. C.

which was approved.

The Committee on the petition of Joshua Jones presented a report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Remonstrance against filling in Asylum Street, reported:

"That they have carefully examined the plan heretofore adopted for the permanent regulation of Greenwich Village, and are of opinion that it ought to be pursued as being best calculated to meet the various irregularities of the natural surface of the ground in that vicinity and of carrying the water to the river in different directions with [406] the least possible injury to the property of individuals connected therewith:

"Your Committee therefore recommend the plan heretofore proposed be carried into effect, and that Asylum Street be regulated accordingly."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" Leonard Kip
" John Remmey
" Jno. McComb. S. C.

which was, approved, and it was referred to the Street Commissioner to direct the improvement relative to Asylum Street as he should judge most consistent with public convenience and the interest of the individuals owning property in said Street.

The Committee on the Petition for opening the Sixth Avenue made the following Report—which was approved, and the Counsel directed to take the necessary legal measures therefor. They reported:

"That they have viewed the ground and carefully considered the subject as connected with the surrounding improvements and that it is their opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted

[407] "The application for opening Fourth Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue has not been regularly made to the Common Council but finding that it is the wish of Several of the proprietors interested in the improvement that it should be opened at the same time with the 6th Avenue—Your Committee have had it advertised with the application for opening the 6th Avenue & Carmine

Street, & as no objections have been made thereto They respectfully recommend that Fourth Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue be opened at the same time with 6th Avenue & that the Counsel take Measures for opening said Streets accordingly

(Sd) E. Holmes L. Kip Jno. Remmey J. McComb St. Cr

The Counsel presented petitions to the Supreme Court for appointing Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in relation to extending Anthony Street and widening Spring Street which were directed to be duly authenticated. It was also ordered that the Petition for widening Cross Street and the other applications to the Supreme Court passed this evening should be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board.

Ordered, that the Securities to be given by Thomas Gilbert as Collector, of the Arrearages of Taxes be referred to the [408] Finance Committee for their approbation.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved, that the Comptroller prepare and lay before the Board a statement of the Revenue of the Corporation for the year from the 12th of May next to the May ensuing, derived from the several items usually calculated on, together with the probable amount of disbursements for the same period. The estimates to be founded on a comparative view of the receipts and expenditures for the last preceding years—also his opinion as to the best means to provide for any deficiency in the revenue to meet the disbursements, should such deficiency exist."

The Comptroller reported:

Balce in Treasury 20th ins	$30.86	
Recd for 13th Street	119.30	
" " Streets	2517.76	
" " Rents	6032.57	
" " Tax for 1817	13,300.40	22,000.89

[409] S. McCoun & J. B. Varick—Assessors 1 ward	236.00
A. Valentine and S. Leggett—Assessors 2 ward	260.00
H. Talman and N. C. Griffith—Assessors 3 ward	250.00
P. Bonnett and L. Hartman. Assessors 4 ward	221.25
G. Sutton and R. Kidney Assessors 5 ward	236.00
A. Clark and A. Baudouine Assessors 6 ward	271.00
D. Lyon and J. Cox—Assessors 7 ward	201.00
J. Emmons and J. Targay Assessors 8 ward	190.00
J. Pangburn and O. Hibberd—Assessors 9 ward	320.00
D. Roberts and W. Howell—Assessors 10 ward	206.00

B. Havens, Treasr Brick Church, Expences Lot—Augustus St. refunded	671.16	
Jno. Bedient, Coroner, 3 mo. fees to 1 instant	562.99	
Lewis & Hall's Paper, 6 mo. subsrip	75.00	
[410] Rich. Smith, Costs of Suit as Clerk of Washington Market	10.91	
Jno. McComb, St. Commissionr 1 qrs. Salary 12 July	500.00	
Geo. Youle, repairs to public Oil cisterns—22 July	304.70	
Jno. Anderson, 2d Instalment Pier Fulton Street, N. River	1500.00	
Thos. & Geo. Lovett, acct. repairs, Pier Fulton Slip, E. River	1000.00	
Abraham Storms, Balance Bulkhead Rutger's Slip	877.62	
Henry Allen, 1st instalment, Pier Gouverneur's Slip	400.00	
Thomas Richards, Award for Bridge Street	1462.87	
John B. Murray, Award for Hudson Street	1250.00	
Tredwell & Thorne, Award for Water Street	1233.50	
Thomas W. Thorne, Award for Hudson Street	1119.00	
Thomas Scott on Acct. for repaving State Street	1000.00	
Corlis & May, flagg Bd Way	1000.00	
[411] Jac. Pinkertion, pavg Spring St	500.00	
Chs. Mooney do Broadway	400.00	
D. S. Jones, Court charges & Attorneys fees widening Thompson St	246.14	
J. Pinkerton, pavg Mott St	232.39	
Isaac Halsey, regg Rivington St	100.00	
Mary Codwise, Award, Water St	91.25	
Thos. A. Emmet do 13th do	485.00	
S. Ledyard, Society promot. Industry	400.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Reprs	500.00	
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms House	3500.00	=21,813.78
	Balance	$187.11

Adjourned to Monday next, 6 o'clock

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

November 3, 1817 to March 5, 1818

[1] In Common Council Nov. 3d 1817

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff Mayor, Presidt

Aldermen	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Jones Jr
Anthony L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip
Thomas R. Smith	Wm F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	William Stone
George Buckmaster	John Remmy
Arthur Burtis	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	Jacob B. Taylor
Reuben Munson	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A petition of James Smith, for a Vault in Chapple Street, and a Petition from Joshua Jones & Son, for a Vault in front of No. 106 Chamber Street, were read & referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms

[2] A Petition of Joshua Jones & Son, to permit a quantity of Hemp stored in Nos. 107—and 258 Front Street, being Fire-proof Stores, to remain there, was referred to the Committee on Fire Companies.

A Petition of A. & N. Brown, for Water grant opposite their property on the East River near Gouverneur Slip, was read and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioners, with authority to grant the said prayer

Petitions from John Somandyck, Henry Hammond and John Triglar, for Stalls in the Market erecting near Orange Street, and a Petition from John Roshore for an appointment as Assistant Sweeper to Washington Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company, No. 15,

Harman Hinman—House Carpenter—19. Lombardy St. 7 ward Vice. Matthew Vanderhoof, Resigned

Cora Myers—House Carpenter—Hester c. Mott Sts 6 Ward—vice Matthew Reed—Resigned

Samuel Downing—House Carptener—28 Pell Street 6 Ward—vice Thomas Devoe—Resigned

[3] William Stackhouse—House Carpenter—3 Mott St. 6 Ward—vice Joshua Dean—Removed

A Petition, for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants and Street Commissioners, who immediately reported an Ordinance for a Well in Cherry Street, between Market and Catharine Streets—which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, praying that the Curb Stone may be laid in White Street, between Broad Way and Elm Street, and the Carriage Way paved, was read, accompanied by a recommendation of the Street Commissioner that the same may be done, who also reported an Ordinance for the same—which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors therein.

A Petition of Richard H. Lawrence and Samuel Parsons, praying the Corporation to take some order respecting a vacant Lot near the Corner of Fulton & Cliff Streets, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and [4] Comptroller.

A Petition, that Collect Street between Pearl and Anthony Streets may be paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas Payne, to be permitted to place a Tube for the conveyance of Fresh Water about ten feet above the Foot-Walk near the Tea water Pump for the purpose of supplying for sale pure and fresh water, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Benjamin Hill one of the Contractors for filling-in Corporation Basin at the foot of Fulton and Dey Streets, praying an advance on said Contract, was read and ordered that one thousand Dollars be advanced on his giving Security to be approved by the Street Commissioner.

The Petition of Peter De Baun, presented at the last meeting and laid on the table, was called up and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[5] A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants, against the Removal of the Hay Scales from White hall Slip, was read and referred to the Committee of Wharves and the Aldermen and Assistants of 1st Ward.

A Petition from sundry Practitioners of Law in the Justices' Court, recommending the Petition presented by the said Justices to the consideration of the Common Council was read. The Petition of the said Justices presented at the last Meeting and laid on the Table was called up; and both Petitions were referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Andrew I. McLaughlin former Keeper of the Flag Staff at the Battery, praying a Compensation for certain Articles belonging to him which were used in the Construction of the Present Flag-Staff, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Petition of Leonard Fisher, stating that at the Street Commissioner's Sales in May last he purchased 4 Lots of Land for a Term of years and paid the Consideration therefor—that upon calling on the Counsel of the Board for his Deed he was informed the Lots had [6] been sold under some mistake and he could not have a Title to them —he therefore prayed Relief in the Premises—ordered that the same be referred to the Counsel, Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A further Petition of William West was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter was received from his Excellency De Witt Clinton, stating that in 1807 the State made a gratuitous Grant to the Corporation of certain Lands under water in the Hudson River—that, the Land under water opposite to the State Land at the State Prison not being reserved in said Grant, the Corporation had at his suggestion on the 18th of April, 1808, directed the Comptroller to make out a Grant to the State for the Land under water opposite the State Prison—that not having yet been done, he requested the Corporation would direct the necessary conveyance to be made—Whereupon the subject was referred to the Counsel, Street Commissioner and Comptroller. His Excellency also stated that he procured a certified Copy of the Cession by this State to the United States of the Ground at the Battery, and which he transmitted for [7] the information of the Common Council on that subject—Whereupon ordered that the same be filed.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter which he had received from Mr. Graham Acting Secretary of War in reply to the Letter he had written to the President of the United States on the subject of the Buildings erecting by General Scott at the Battery, by which it appeared that the President had directed the Erection of said Buildings to cease and the Materials to be removed from the ground—Ordered that the Letter be inserted at length on the Minutes.

"Letter from Acting Secretary of War on the subject of Buildings at the Battery."

Department of War,
Sir, October 24th 1817.

I am directed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of the letter which you addressed to him on the 9th instant in relation to a subject which has unfortunately given rise to an unpleasant controversy between the Corporation of [8] New York and the General Officer commanding the troops of the United States in that Department:

Had it been known to the President that the erection of buildings on the main land ceded to the United States adjoining the Battery at New York, was contrary to the wishes of the Corporation of that City, he would not have authorized the erection of them, and he deeply regrets that he was not apprized of the fact before the Corporation undertook to direct their Street Commissioner to perform an act incompatible, as he thinks, with the cession of Soil made by the Corporation of New York, and that of jurisdiction made by the State to the United States.

Whether the United States have or have not a right to erect buildings of the description contemplated by the Commanding General on the ground ceded to them by the Corporation of New York, is a question on which, as you justly observe, the judicial authority is, perhaps, alone competent to decide. Until such decision, the President deems it improper to perform any act which may be considered a relinquishment of the right. With this reservation he does not hesitate, in a spirit of accommodation, to yield to [9] the wishes of the Corporation and the Citizens of New York. I have the pleasure, therefore, to inform you, that orders have been given to prevent the erection of the buildings in question and to remove the materials

I have the honor to be, with great consideration & respect

Your obedient servant
"George Graham"
Acting Secrty of War

Jacob Radcliff Esqr.
Mayor of the City
of New York.

A Petition of the Trustees for rebuilding Zion Church, praying the Lime House may be permitted to continue, was read—The Street Commissioner at the same time presented a communication recommending that Lime-houses under particular circumstances might be permitted to remain until the 1st of December next, which was read and agreed to under his directions.

A Petition of James H. Kip for the appointment of Weigher of Hay at the lower end of the Third Avenue was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

[10] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed. Viz

Mrs. Byron	Owner	Bancker St.	A Lot
Wm Batchelor	do	Varick	do.
Peter Ritter	do	Greenwich St	do.
Hy Heyser	do	do.	do.
Elbert Anderson	do.	do.	do.
Maturin Livingston Esqr.	do.	Delancy St.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	Columbia St.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	Arundel St.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
do.	do.	do.	do.
Jno. C. Hamilton	Agt. or Owner	37. Barclay S.	Privy
A. Evans	Occupant		
William Moore	Owner	269. Broadway.	do.
Peter Cotte	Occupant		
C. Coenhoven	Lessee & Occupt.	270. do.	do.
——— Gibbons	Owner	90. Chambers S.	do.
T. Marshaulk	Occupant.		
[11] A. Ten Eyck,	Owner	94. do.	do.
B. Gomer,	Occupant		
A. Ten Eyck,	Owner	96. do.	do.
P. Vandervoort,	Occupt.		
Jas. Nicolls,	Owner & Occupt.	97. do.	do.
A. Thompson,	do. & do.	99. do.	do.
R. Havens	do. do.	100. do.	do.
Jno. R. Murray,	Owner.	103. do.	do.
W. Clark,	Occupant.		
Hy Miller,	Owner	105 do.	do.
Mrs. Hugh	Occupant		

H. K. Toler,	Owner	111	Chambers S.	Privy
Jno. Westerfield,	Occupt.			
J. Bronson,	Owner	112.	do.	do.
Mary Fuller,	Occupt			
Mrs. Glover,	Owner	115	do.	do.
Hy Ireland,	Occupt.			
Sam. Paxton,	Owner	126	do.	do.
Mrs. Atkinson,	Occupt.			
Jno. H. Douglass,	Owner	127.	do.	do.
W. Curtis,	Occupant.			
Jonathan Foote,	Owner	136.	do.	do.
L. Doyle,	Occupant			
Thos. Whitechurch,	Owner.	142.	do	do.
do	Occupt.			
William Brown,	Owner		Thompson St—Lot.	
Jno. Lee,	Owner & Occupt.	59.	Reed St.	Privy
[12] Abijah Pell,	Lessee & Occ.	66	do	do
John Votey,	do do.	73	do.	do.
L. Van Buskirk,	Owner	86	do.	do.
J. Journey	Occupant			
T. Griffen,	Owner	88	do.	do
Mrs. Ryerson,	Occupt.			
A. Zabriskie,	Owner	92	do	do
R. Furgerson,	Occupt.			
Wm. Clark,	Owner	96	do	do
I. Lebou,	Occupant			
Mrs. Crum,	Owner	99.	do.	do
C. Myers,	Occupant			
Jno. R. Livingston,	Owner	103	do	do
Jno. Hobert,	Occupant			
Jno. Lowere,	Owner	104	do	do
Mrs. Clintock,	Occupant			
Mrs. J. Mills,	Owner	109	do	do
Mrs. Jeroloman,	Occupt			
S. Jones, Esqr.	Owner or Agt.	111	do	do
M. Moon,	Occupant			
J. Bolton,	Owner	131	do	do
Gilbert Hunton,	Occupt.			
C. White Jr.	Owner	134	do	do
J. Chance,	Occupant			
A. Gifford,	Owner & Occupt.	135	do	do

L. Van Buskirk, do.	Owner Occupt	138	Reed St.	Privy
[13] J. Hender, J. Mace	Owner Occupant	139	do	do
Mrs. S. Lawrence, W. Sweeny	Owner Occupant	141	do	do
Mrs. S. Lawrence, do	Owner Occupant.	143	do	do
C. Debevois J. Flemming,	Owner Occupant.	144	do	do
C. Julien,	Owner & Occupt	149	do	do
Norris & Kain, Henry Roff,	Owners Occupant	154	do	do

City Inspector's Office.
3d Nov. 1817

"George Cuming C. I."

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessments for regulating and paving Cliff Street and for paving Oliver Street—which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the former, and Noah Jarvis in the latter.

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating Green Street from Bleecker to Spring Street, for regulating Wooster from Bleecker Street to Spring Street, for regulating Houston Street from Thompson Street to [14] Broad Way, and for laying Curb Stones in Hammond Street—which were passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Committee on Applications, upon the Petition of Adam Mott for the Appointment of Measurer of grain &c., reported in his favor, and he was accordingly appointed to that office.

The late Counsel of the Corporation, D. S. Jones Esqr. presented a Report stating that the Commissioners of Estimate in the cases, 1st of enlarging and improving Maiden Lane, 2nd for the enlarging and improving Pearl and Cherry Streets at Franklin Square, and, 3rd for extending and improving Lombardy St.—have made their Report, which has been confirmed by the Supreme Court—and he recommended the Appointment of a Collector, which was approved, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for the former and Morris De Camp for the two latter In the same Report he also made a Statement of the Award in case of Peter H. Schenck, and it was directed that

the Report be referred [15] to the former Committee on that subject, Viz—Alderman Brackett, Mr. Schieffelin, and Mr. Stevens.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the Petition of Joshua Jones, reported

[Here follows the above-mentioned Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner]

" That however correct may be the opinion of the Petitioner, with reference to the Rent to which he should be subject in obtaining a Grant of the Water Lot in front of his property near Dover Street,

Yet they are precluded at present from reporting in favor of his Request in consequence of a Report made by the Finance Committee September 9th 1816, against the prayer of the Petition of Samuel L. Mitchell Joshua Jones, Minturn & Champlin, and John Agnew, embracing the principle here advanced by Mr. Jones.

Should the Board see proper to refer the subject to the Committee of Finance for further explanation, it is thought that an arrangement might be made satisfactory [16] to the Petitioner, and favorable to the public Interest."

(signed) John McComb, St. Comr
G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

Oct. 27th 1817.

On which the Finance Committee reported, as follows

That, after examining all the circumstances of the case, and believing the facts set forth in the said Petition to be correct, they are of opinion that the Water-grant should be made to Mr. Jones on the following conditions—namely

That he pay for it at the old rate of one dollar per foot per annum to commence from the 1st of May 1812, with legal interest thereon—this being about the time he became possessed of the property.

While on the subject of Water-grants, the Committee beg leave to call the attention of the Board to those applied for some time since by Messrs. S. L. Mitchell, Minturn & Champlin, and J. Agnew, and as these [are] similarly situated with the preceding, recommend that these grants be made at the old rate, but the rent to commence from 1st May 1805—[17] about which time the property was first improved, with legal interest.

And they further recommend that the Comptroller be instructed to have the foregoing carried into effect without delay, as it appears

the present Occupants have been for a number of years enjoying these water-privileges without any Compensation.

(sign'd.) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

which was approved.

The Counsel informed the Board that the Reports of the Commissioners of Estimate, for enlarging and extending Collect, Walker, Pump and Rynder Streets, had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and be recommended that a Collector be appointed

Whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed the Collector.

The Resolution, laid on the Table respecting Alien Passengers, was called up, and on the question of agreeing to the same, it passed in the Negative.

[18] The following Resolution was presented and agreed to

Resolved—that it be referred to the Police Commissioners, to enquire and report whether any and what further Compensation ought to be allowed to the Constables, Marshals and Watchmen for their services in criminal cases.

The following Recital and Resolutions were presented by Alderman Smith on the subject of working Avenues.

" Whereas some doubts may arise respecting the true meaning of the first resolution passed by this Board on the 20th day of October last relative to the Working of Avenues,

Resolved—that it be understood as including all the expense already incurred as well as what may hereafter be incurred in working the said Avenues till they shall be deemed completely finished.

Resolved—further, that the Street Commissioner cause the necessary steps to be taken to carry into effect the resolutions relative to the Avenues passed on the said 20th day of October, provided that, after consulting with the Counsel, no legal objection shall appear to exist "

[19] On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows,

Affirmative. Aldermen Underhill: Holmes. Smith: McQueen. Buckmaster: Munson. Messieurs Kip: Van Amringe. Remmy: Akerly. Taylor: Allen. 12.

Negative. Aldermen Coles: Burtis. Thorp. Messieurs Jones: Stevens. Schieffelin. 6.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury Oct. 27	$187.11	
Received for Streets	2,500.00	
" " Canal Street	5,000.00	
" " Common Lands	1,397.00	
" " Tax for 1817	12,500.96	=21,585. 7

28 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1st District	1,118.25	
Walton & Hibberd, Watch 2d District	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, watch 3d District	413.00	
[19A] J. Morton, 1 Quarter's Salary, Clk. Com. Coun. & Reg. Clk. 1 inst	312.50	
R. Graves, 1 Quarter's Salary, Assistt St. Commissioner, 1st inst.	375.00	
G. Sickels, Keeper City Prison, 2 assistants 1 Quarter, 1st inst.	350.00	
S. Hutchings, Street Inspector, 1 Month—1st inst	54.00	
J. Weeden, Street Inspector, 1 Month, 1st inst	54.00	
Wm J. Waldron, Ass. Cit. Inspecr—1 Month, 1st inst	54.00	
Obadiah Ayres, Ass. Cit. Inspecr—1 Month, 1st inst	54.00	
Astin & Cochrane, Messengers, 1 Month, 1st inst	60.00	
Daniel H. Magee, Kr Potters Field, 1 month—1st ins	46.50	
Obadiah Ayres, Ass. Cit. Inspectr, Remov. Nuisances, 3 July à 1 Nov	4.25	
C. Jordan, Work at Lamp posts, 3 months—1st inst	27.68	
Thos. Barnum, Supdg Wharves & Piers, 24 days—1st inst.	48.00	
Silas Lord, Int. on 4 Bonds, to 18th Oct. 1817	1,010.63	
[19B] Robert Latimer, Wkg. 8th Avenue	1,000.00	
Thos. Scott, balance Corpn proport. paving State Street	1,392.47	
Corlis & May, flagging Brd Way	800.00	
Corlis & May, flagging Brd Way from Franklin to Canal St.	700.00	
J. McComb, St. Commr to pay Comm. & Court charges, openg Provost St	476.45	
Chs. Mooney, paving Broad Way	300.00	
J. Meghan, paving Broadway from Canal to Prince St	300.00	
Thos. Scott, Cross Wlk, Hudson St	292.32	
Chs. Mooney, paving Cross St	200.00	
W. Fish, to pay Commrs School Fund, City proportion for 1817	5,532. 6	
Jac. P. Roome, Supdt for Repairs	725.00	
Richard Furman, Sup. Almshouse	5,000.00	21,382.61
Balance		$202.46

Adjourned to Monday next 6, o'clock.

[20] In Common Council: November 10. 1817.

Present The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Presidt.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles.	Samuel Stevens.
Jos. Warren Brackett.	Wm F. Van Amringe.
Anthony L. Underhill.	William Stone.
Eldad Holmes.	John Remmy.
Thos. R. Smith.	Jacob B. Taylor.
Robert McQueen.	Effingham Schieffelin.
George Buckmaster.	Stephen Allen.
Arthur Burtis.	
George B. Thorp.	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Petitions of George Dominick, Jacob Pessinger, George Lambert, Stephen Burdett, Jacob Hampshire, Henry Singler, Steph. Hilleker, and Jacob Tier, for Stalls in the new Market about to be erected near Orange St—a Petition from Noah & Adam Brown that Licenses for a Butcher's Stand on Manhattan Island be granted to [21] Daniel Hyde—and Petitions, for appointment of Deputy Clerk of the new Market about to be erected near Rynder Street, from J. Russel and Elnathan Reynolds, were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a Pump at the corner of Jones Street and the Bowery was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance.

A Petition of William Van Tassel for Remission of Fine incurred by taking higher Rate than allowed by the Law regulating Hackney Carriages, taken thro' misinformation, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that the houses at the junction of Cherry and Pearl Streets ordered to be taken down to widen Frankfort Street may be permitted to remain until May next, was read and laid on the Table.

[22] A Petition from Peter Schermerhorn and others, Ship-Chandlers of the City, was received, stating that, by the Act of the Legislature of 9th April 1813, the Storing of Sulphur, Hemp, Flax, Tar, Pitch, Turpentine, Rosin, &c—is prohibited within certain districts of the City, unless in such places as shall be appointed by the Common Council: that such prohibition if carried into strict execution would be subversive of their business—They therefore pray for

the permission of the Common Council to store those Articles within the Limits prescribed by said Act—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer.

A Request was received from Messrs. John, Robert and Samuel Swartwout, that the Common Council would make a Determination on the subject of the Lease of Hoboken Ferry to them, and that they would locate the Ferry in this City at the Foot of Vesey Street. This was also accompanied by a Communication from Joshua Jones, stating that, on the establishment of the Ferry at Vesey Street, Mr. Elias Burger, E. Miller and himself had agreed to run out at their own expence a Pier on the North [23] East side for the purpose of protecting the Horse Boat and to receive as a Compensation the Wharfage on the North East side—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee, Comptroller, & St. Commissioner.

A Petition from Hannah Cunningham, stating that in the Assessment for Canal Street she had been overrated eleven dollars, forty eight cents, and praying a reduction of the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from sundry Owners of Lots on Hudson Square, praying that the Owners of Lots on said Square may be compelled to enclose the same within a Fence, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Petition of Edward Bridges, for the Appointment of a City Surveyor, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John P. Dieterich, to be permitted to sell Furniture in the Street opposite his Auction Room No. 7 Park, was read and [24] referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Lenox was received, stating, that as Guardian for certain Orphan Children he had become the purchaser of certain Common Lands belonging to Andrew Ogden: that said Lands lie in separate parcels—and he proposed the exchange of one part of the Lots in fee containing fifteen Acres for another part containing twenty Acres—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Petition of Colonel William T. Hunter of the 3^{d} Regiment, 1st Brigade of New York State Artillery stationed in this City, in behalf of the Commissioned Officers of the said Regiment requesting that they might be honored by the Common Council with the Donation of a Stand of Colours as had been granted to the other Regiments of the

Brigade—was read, and the Request thereof directed to be granted under the direction of the Committee of Defence.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for the Paving of Lombardy Street from [25] Rutgers Street to Jefferson Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Peter De Baun, reported that he would recommend an Advance to the Petitioner of Fifteen hundred Dollars on his Contract for regulating Greenwich and Hudson Streets—which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the Petition of Richard R. Lawrence and Samuel Parsons, reported (as follows)

"As the Petitioners are particularly situated with respect to the gore of ground lying in front of their property in Fulton Street, that it will be proper to transfer it to them, upon their repaying the sum at which it was assessed to the Corporation on the opening of Fulton Street"

(sign'd) John M^cComb, St. Comm^r
" G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller.

Which was approved.

[26] The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Philip Ryan, reported, (as follows.)

"That, for the reasons set forth in their former reports to the Board on similar applications, the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Eldad Holmes
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens.
" John B. Coles.

which was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of Henry Gatty, reported, (as follows)

"That they have had his case under consideration, and have no reason to doubt the correctness of his deposition hereunto annexed; the Committee wish, however, to avoid, if possible, making this case a precedent for others who thro' their own neglect may be overrated by the Assessors; and therefore, in consideration of the great age and

infirmities of the petitioner recommend, as a deed of charity, that a Warrant pass in favor of the said Henry Gattey for fourteen dollars "

respectfully submitted

[27] (sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Eldad Holmes
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens
" John B. Coles.

Which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Same Committee, on the Petition of William West, reported (as follows.)

" That the case of the petitioner appears to be a hard one, and, in the opinion of the Committee, claims the commiseration of the board; inasmuch, as he is very poor, and altho' he has no legal claim on the Corporation for remuneration, he nevertheless, in the removal of the sunken vessel, performed an act beneficial to the publick; the committee therefore respectfully recommend, that a Warrant pass in favor of said West for Thirty Dollars."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Eldad Holmes
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens
" John B. Coles.

which was approved, and the Comptroller [28] was directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Committee, on the Petition of Robert Borland, reported (as follows.)

" That they have examined the premises of the Petitioner, and find the building complained of put into a fire-proof situation, so that we believe it may be considered as coming within the meaning of the law. Your Committee recommend that the Chamberlain be requested to suspend the further prosecution against the petitioner, he paying Costs of Suit.

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" A. L. Underhill
" Robert McQueen.

which was approved.

The Committee of Wharves, on the petition of Samuel M. Thompson and others, reported, (as follows.)*

[29] Blank

[30] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances, 30 in number, (as follow.)

		Orange St	Lot
Joseph Blackwell,	Owner,		
G. Haight,	Owner	60. Forsyth St	do.
Wm Smith,	Occupant		
R. Bogardus Esqr,	Owner	173. Duane St.	do.
R. Bloomfield,	Occupt.		
W. Sandford,	Owner	146 Washington St.	
J. Smith,	Occupant		Privy.
Mrs. Mesier,	Owner	67. Courtland St.	do.
D. Minton,	Occupant		
John Segar,	Owner	69. do.	do.
do.	Occupant		
D. Morgan,	Owner	11. Thomas St.	do.
H. Marsh,	Occupant		
Jno. J. Gilbert,	Owner	13. do.	do.
do.	Occupant		
H. Kidney,	Owner	25. do.	do.
Mrs. Wycoff,	Occupant		
W. Bunting,	Owner	36. do.	do.
D. Allen,	Occupant		
J. Morgan,	Owner	37. do.	do.
Wm Watkins,	Occupt		
Jno. J. Johnson,	Owner & Occ	40. do.	do.
G. W. Chapman,	Owner	42. do.	do.
S. Cook,	Occupant		
[31] Jno. R. Livingston Esq.	Owner	48. do.	do.
J. Hutton,	Occupant		
Luke Kip,	Owner or Lessee	122. Duane St.	do.
Mrs. Bertine,	Owner	124. do.	do.
Jno. Forbes.	Occupant		
A. Campbell,	Owner	161. do.	do.
do.	Occupant		
Phebe Lent,	Owner & Occ	162. do.	do.
Moses. B. Ely,	Owner		
A. H. Ely,	Agent	164. do.	do.
N. Jenks,	Occupant		

*Report not entered, although the following page was left blank.—ED.

J. Disbrow,	Owner	165.	Duane St.	Privy.
R. Campbell,	Occupant			
Wm W. Gilbert,	Owner	166.	do.	do.
H. Fountaine,	Occupant			
J. Disbrow,	Owner	167.	do.	do.
E. Howard,	Occupant			
Mary Brownhill,	Owner	169.	do.	do.
do.	Occupant			
Henry Overy,	Owner	170.	do.	do.
S. Bartley,	Occupant			
J. Halsey,	Owner	174.	do.	do.
B. Ely,	Occupant			
J. Halsey,	Owner	176.	do.	do.
Wm Montgomery,	Occupt.			
Cornelius Timpson,	Owner.	183.	do.	do.
do.	Occupant.			
[32] A. Coddington,	Owner	191.	do.	do.
L. Lashee,	Occupant			
Walter Bowne,	Owner	193.	do.	do.
A. Lawrence,	Occupant			
Mrs. Bentford,	Owner	223.	do.	do.
C. Baker,	Occupant			

City Inspector's Office. (sign'd) George Cuming City Inspector.

which were passed.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Floating Fire Engine Company, No.

John Morgan, Rigger, 90. Bancker St. 7. Ward, vice William L. Matthews, Left City.

William Freeman, Grocer, Roosevelt c. Cherry, 4. Ward, vice John McCullough, Resigned.

Peter Thompson, Copper Smith, 212. Water St. 4 Wd, vice Charles Swesey, Resigned.

David Dean, Cooper, 101. Mulberry St. 6. Ward, vice Epenetus Videto, Resigned.

Fire Engine Company. No. 24.

Edward Duryea, Chair Maker, Gold St. 2d Wd, vice Joseph Meeks Jr. Resigned.

William B. Shipman, Cabinet Maker, Cedar St. 1st Wd vice Elisha Blossom, Resigned.

[33] The Counsel reported, that the Committee of Estimate's Report to the Supreme Court for opening First Street between the Bowery and the First Avenue had been confirmed, and he recommended the appointment of a Collector—Whereupon, Morris De Camp was appointed.

The Counsel presented the following Report relative to certain Lots at Brooklyn—(to wit)

"That John Garrison, John Bedell, G. C. Langdon and William Cutting, who leased at auction from the Corporation in July last lots Nos. 12. 14. 16 and 18 at Brooklyn, are desirous of surrendering their leases and that the same should be leased to John Bedell and Daniel Sammis. The Counsel is of opinion that there is no objection to complying with their wishes, upon their paying the rent which has already accrued. He has prepared leases accordingly which are herewith submitted."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

Whereupon, the proposed leases were directed to be duly executed.

[34] The Counsel also, on the petition of Samuel Thorn, a Measurer of lime, praying that the Corporation would discharge a Fine of Twenty five Dollars imposed upon him in the Village of Brooklyn for measuring Lime below Low water mark, Reported

"That if a fine has been illegally imposed upon him, the laws afforded him the means of redressing himself—That the interference of the Corporation is not only unnecessary for the vindication of his rights, but would establish a precedent which might be attended with vexatious consequences. The Counsel therefore respectfully recommends that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which was approved.

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of the demand against Wm A. Hardenbrook, which was referred to the Finance Committee and Counsel.

The Committee, on the subject of the Governor's Letter respecting the Water Grant to the State at the State Prison, reported

[35] "That in their opinion it would be proper to authorize the Counsel to prepare a Grant to the "People of the State of New York," for the ground which was formerly under Water and is now made land, and also the soil under water, in front of the ground be-

longing to the State Prison, bounded Easterly by what was formerly the High Water Mark, and extending to Low Water Mark, and from thence four hundred feet into the North or Hudson River; and that the grant already made be cancelled."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker, Comptr.
" John McComb, St. Commr
" Ogden Edwards.

which was approved, and Grant directed to issue accordingly.

The following Resolution was agreed to

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorized to regulate and pave, so much as he shall deem necessary, of the gore of land lately purchased by the Corporation at the head of Collect and Rhinder Streets."

[36] Alderman Brackett presented the following Resolution respecting Thanks Giving Day

"Resolved, that in conformity with the Proclamation of his Excellency the Governor of this State, it be, and it is hereby recommended, that Thursday next be observed as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer; and that the Citizens of this City abstain from all servile labor and secular business on said day—and that this Resolution be published, &c"

which was agreed to.

The following were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the celebration of the Anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the British Army—to wit,

Aldermen Holmes; Underhill; Brackett; McQueen, Mr. Stevens.

The Comptroller reported

Balance in the Treasury, 3d Ins	$202.46	
Recd. for Wells & Pumps	60.	
" Tavern Licenses	156.80	
" 9th Avenue	257.17	
" Mayoralty Fees	341.	
[37] Received for Arrears of Taxes	890.	
" Streets	2,921.35	
" Rents	3,999.53	
" Canal Street	5,000.	
" Tax for 1817	8,700.	22,528.31

30 Accounts Audited.

Benj. Hill & R. Ayres' Acct. filling Dey St. Basin, Ordd 3d	1,000.	
J. McComb, St. Commissioner, 1 Quarter's Salary, 12th October	500.	

Wm Hoghland Keeper Penitentiary & 3 assists. to 1st inst..	557.50	
Samuel B. Romaine, Completing Tax Books of 1817.....	400.	
J. P. Law, painting for Corporation, 3 months, 1st inst.....	118.75	
G. Sickels, to pay for conveying Prisrs to City Pris. 6 months, 1 ins.....	89. 6	
Jno. Burger, regulating public Clocks 4, 3 mo. 1 inst.....	66.66	
R. Stevens, posting bills, 3 months, 1st instant.....	23.75	
Jesse Dowe, Carriage hire, Sept. 20th and Nov. 4th.....	23.	
R. Munson, 37 Casks Oil, bought of M. Crosby.....	1,992.27	
[38] George Snethen, Superintendg, & lighting lamps, to 1st Nov.	795.66	
Amos Corning, for Profiles & Surveys, 1 Mar. 1816 à 1 May 1817.....	803.18	
Corlis & May, flagging Side-Wks in Broadway on Acct....	500.00	
Jacob C. Mott & others, making sundry Assessments.....	409.50	
J. Meghan, paving Broadway	400.00	
Hugh Smith, do. Cliff St.	300.00	
Chs. Golden, do. Hudson St.	300.00	
Jas. Pinkerton, full, do. Spring St.	204.35	
Abrhm. Stagg, do. Mulberry S.	187.34	
Robt. Murray, full, do. Oyster Pastry Alley.....	56.42	
Thos. & Geo. Lovett, repairing Middle Pier, Peck Slip.....	723.82	
Jno. Anderson, 2d Instalt bulkhead Dey & Fulton Sts, No. River	1,316.25	
Abnr Huggins, filling Basin, Crane Wharf & Fulton St....	900.00	
Thos. & Geo. Lovett, repairg. Pier west side Fulton St. E. River	1,000.00	
J. Anderson, 3d Instalt Pier Fulton Street.....	1,500.00	
Th. Ridgway, Well, Lewis St.....	50.00	
[39] Th. Ridgway, in f, Well, Laurens S.....	26.85	
Prime Ward & Sands, Principal & Int. of Bond to H. Newport	2,978. 6	
Jac. P. Room, Superintt, Repairs.....	500.00	
Rich. Furman, do. Alms-house	4,800.00	=22,522,42
	Balance	$5.89

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'clock.

[40] In Common Council: November 17. 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Presidt.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles.	Samuel Jones Jr.
Jos. Warren Brackett.	Samuel Stevens.
Anth. L. Underhill.	Leonard Kip.
Eldad Holmes.	Wm F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith.	William Stone.
George Buckmaster.	John Remmy.
Arthur Burtis.	Samuel Akerly.
Geo. B. Thorp.	Effingham Schieffelin.
Reuben Munson.	Jacob B. Taylor.
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Zule for remission of fine incurred by not filling in a Lot was read, and the fine remitted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of William AlBurtis for permission to construct a Vault in Chamber Street opposite [41] his lot was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

A Petition from the Owners and Occupants of lots fronting on the Bowling Green, praying that the Street in front of said buildings between White Hall and State Streets may be paved, and that a Pump in front of said buildings may be removed, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

An account of Uzal Freeman, one of the City Surveyors, for Surveys performed and Maps made of the 8th and 9th Wards, was presented and referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Henry Spicer and Elias Deforest for a Stall in new Market and a Petition from John McKibbin for the appointment of Deputy Clerk of said Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Cross and Orange Streets, stating that from [42] the present regulation of Bayard Street, the water falling in said street is thrown upon those streets, and praying that Bayard Street may be so regulated as to throw the water into Franklin and Collect Streets, was read and agreed to, on condition that the Expences do not exceed Fifty Dollars.

A Petition of Thomas Willets, that his son Edmund Willets now near 21 years of age may be licensed as a Cartman, was read and referred to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A further Petition of William Van Tassel, for Remission of Fine incurred by demanding a higher rate than allowed by the Law regulating Hackney Carriages, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition from Owners of Houses, in Water street between Coenties & Old Slips, praying that a Certain Alley running from Water to Front Street may be enlarged, was read and referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner, and Aldermen & Assistants of 1st Ward.

[43] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies—to wit

Fire Engine Company, No. 8

Robert McIlwain, Grocer, William c. George, 4 Wd, vice John Gillespie, expelled.

Fire Engine Company, No. 21.

Thos. Barrow, Clerk, 299 Pearl St. 4 Ward, vice Abraham Lent, removed.

Jno. A. Holly, Clerk, 133 Pearl St. 1 Ward, vice Samuel Howard, removed.

Fire Engine Company, No. 25.

Jos. Demeray Jr. Ironmonger, 13 Leonard S. 5 Wd, vice Robert Gender, resigned.

Fire Engine Company, No. 41.

Peter Rhodeaback, Mason, Ridge St. 10 Ward, vice Gerard Irvin, removed.

Henry J. Bush, Nail smith, 95 Elm St. 6 Wd, vice Jno. J. Stewart, resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances, to-wit,

M. Bruen,	Owner.	321. Broad Way.	
Jas. Lane,	Occupant		Privy.
Sam. Campbell,	Owner.	5. Anthony St.	do.
do.	Occupant.		
Mrs. Robinson,	Owner.	7. do.	do.
J. Alexander,	Occupt.		
[44] Mrs. Robinson,	Owner.	9. do.	do.
do.	Occupant.		

Grove Wright, Asa Butman,	Owner. Occupt.	10.	Anthony St	Privy
H. Scott,	Lessee & Occupt.	13.	do.	do.
Jas. Allen, Wm Tait,	Owner. Occupant.	14.	do.	do.
Thos. H. Moore, do.	Owner. Occupt.	17.	do.	do.
W. Bowne, W. Wyman,	Owner. Occupant.	18.	do.	do.
J. R. Livingston, Wm Marsh,	Owner. Occupant.	19.	do.	do.
C. Vredenburg,	Own. & Occ.	20.	do.	do.
J. R. Livingston J. Gray,	Owner. Occupant.	30.	do.	do.
J. Demarest, W. Batchelor,	Owner. Occupt.	21.	do.	do.
C. Vredenburg, M. Noles,	Owner. Occupant.	22.	do.	do.
J. Cherry, M. Lopez,	Owner. Occupant.	33.	do.	do.
B. Birdsall, L. Cashee,	Owner. Occupant.	35.	do.	do.
J. Kiles & S. Howard, J. Lyons,	Own. Occupant.	37.	do.	do.
P. Demarest,	Own. & Occ.	38.	do.	do.
[45] J. Strong, Jas. Kinney,	Owner. Occupt.	39.	do.	do.
T. Palmer,	Own. & Occ.	41.	do.	do.
M. Bolmer, Dav. D. Crane,	Owner. Occupt.	42.	do.	do.
C. Burdett,	Own. & Occ.	47.	do.	do.
Mrs. Tankard,	do. do.	49.	do.	do.
J. K. Hoffman,	do. do.	50.	do.	do.
Garret Tunis,	do. do.	51.	do.	do.
P. Kittletas, F. Morritt,	Owner. Occupt.	52.	do.	do.
Ls Ford, D. B. Underhill,	Owner. Occ.	54.	do.	do.
R. Caniff, J. Robinson,	Owner. Occupt.	59.	do.	do.

A. Arden,	Owner.	67.	Anthony St.	Privy
M. A. Ponvert,	Occupt.			
J. Romaine,	Own. & Occ.	71.	do.	do.
J. Allen,	Owner.	14.	do.	do.
R. Tier,	Own. & Occupt.		Elizabeth St.	Lot.

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which were passed.

[46] The Street Commissioner presented a representation recommending an alteration in the Law directing the removal of incumbrances from the Streets—which was referred to the Counsel to report an amendment to the Ordinance.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment, for paving Orange Street from Pump Street to Hester Street—which was confirmed, and N. Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in the Bowery between Jones and Forsyth Streets, which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors.

The Committee, on the Petition of J. P. Dieterich for permission to sell Furniture in the Street reported that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted—which was approved.

The Committee on the Petition for paving Collect Street from Pearl Street to Anthony [47] Street, presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Robert Steele, reported*

[48] The Committee of Applications, on the Petition of James H. Kip for the appointment of Weigher of Hay at the lower end of 3d Avenue, reported in favor of Petitioner, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution of the 3d instant directing an enquiry into the propriety of further compensation to Constables, Marshalls and Watchmen for apprehending Felons, presented a Report with Resolutions of which the 1st and 4th proposed were agreed to:—to wit

" 1st—Resolved, that the Police Committee be invested with authority to pay to the Marshalls and Constables for extraordinary services in the apprehension of criminals such sum or sums of money as they

* Report not entered, though the rest of the page was left vacant for it.—ED.

may deem just and right; not, however, exceeding in any one case, one hundred dollars; and that such Awards be by the Committee presented to the Comptroller in the usual way for a warrant on the treasury."

"4th—Resolved that the sum of sixty two and an half cents be allowed to every officer who shall bring to the Police, on [49] process, a prisoner that shall not be bailed, but who shall be committed, and afterwards discharged from prison or convicted: and that this sum be charged in the book of account kept in the Police Office between the officers of that Court and the Corporation."

(sign'd) Thomas R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Stevens
" George B. Thorp.

and the 2d and 3d Resolutions laid for consideration until the next meeting.

A Petition from Silvanus Miller for a Water Grant on Front Street opposite to the South East Corner of Roosevelt Street, to be made out in the name of Margaret Miller his wife the proprietor of the Lot, was referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Representation from Oliver Vanderbilt City Sealer of Weights and Measures was received, stating that the Half-Bushel Measure he had received from the Corporation [50] varied from the State Standard—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Subject of providing for the Poor by a Resolution presented on the 19th of May last, presented the following Report:

"That they have had several meetings and conferences on the subject; and, by way of experiment, for the purpose of carrying into effect the intentions of the Board, they have at different times employed the City Marshals to bring before your Committee all such Vagrants and Street Beggars as could be found; and, after examination, if sufficient cause appeared, have committed them to the Bridewell or Penitentiary. By this method your Committee have caused to be taken up and conveyed to their last place of Residence nearly two hundred persons, having no legal settlement in this City or visible means of gaining a livelihood, and these would have remained during the approaching winter, to be a burthen upon public or private charity.

[51] "But, in order to render this effectual in relieving the City from Beggars and poor, having no legal settlement, and to prevent the return of those who have been thus removed, and to send away others who do not belong in the City and have no claim to the benevolence of the Inhabitants, the same measures must be followed up with steadiness.

"Your Committee have been led into this measure from a knowledge of the fact, that many hundreds of poor persons, from different parts of this and the neighbouring States, resort to New York, especially in the winter to throw themselves upon the bounty of the citizens, who never see the needy suffer. These feelings are creditable to the people of New York, but have produced an intolerable burthen upon public and private charity.

"During the last year $113225.30 were expended for the support of the poor, and the Corporation gave to various societies for the same purposes $3820: besides which more than $8000 were collected by private Subscription and distri- [52] buted during the winter: thus making an aggregate of $125045.30, for which the Citizens of New York are heavily taxed, besides the importunities of Street Beggars, and this, too, independent of all the Societies and charitable Institutions &c. of which our City abounds.

"With this abundance of charity and facility of obtaining it, pauperism has become matured into a System of idleness and profligacy which requires to be removed. A little exertion during summer, or the easier method of begging, will conduct such beings thro' the season till winter threatens to freeze their ill clad bodies, when they throw themselves upon the protection of the public and of charitable Societies. It is therefore the opinion of your Committee that all the funds of the Corporation which may hereafter be found necessary to distribute among the poor ought to go through one channel. Your Committee are of opinion that if the measures which they have adopted should be followed up with vigor and perseverance, the City will in a great degree be relieved from that class of persons whose sole object appears to [53] be a life of idleness and dissipation, at the expence of the frugal and industrious part of the Community. As the best means to carry into effect the plan herein suggested, it is respectfully recommended to the Board that they adopt the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that the Commissioners of the Alms-House be, and they are hereby authorized to employ, at the expence of the Corporation, a number of persons not exceeding Six, who shall examine into the situation and circumstances of all those applying to the Com-

missioners for Relief, and as far as practicable all other persons suspected or likely to become chargeable on the City, their names, the number of their families and their last place of legal Settlement, and report the same to the Commissioners from time to time in order to [further] their Removal.

"Resolved—that the persons employed as aforesaid shall from day to day bring before the Commissioners for examination all Vagrants and Street Beggars who may be found at large in [54] the City; and to carry these measures more fully into effect, it is hereby also recommended that his Honor the Mayor invest the persons so employed as aforesaid with Marshalls' Warrants":

All which is respectfully submitted

(sign'd)	Augustus Wright:	Reuben Munson:
"	John Targee:	Stephen Allen:
"	Peter Stagg:	Samuel Akerly:
"	Rich. Furman:	Eff. Schieffelin:
"	James Fairlie.	Samuel Stevens.
	Commissioners.	Committee.

which Report was approved; and it was referred to the same Committee to cause the whole, or such part of the said Report to be published in the News Papers, as they shall deem advisable.

The following Resolution was presented and referred to the Police Committee:—

"Resolved—that all Recognizances taken in the Police Office and forfeited, be paid into the City Treasury, and that it be the duty of the Counsel of the Board to see that the same is done."

[55] Resolved—that Alderman Brackett and Mr. Akerly be added to the Canal Committee.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 10th inst.	$5.89	
Received for Streets	6,658. 6	
" " Canal Street	15,000.00	
" " Tax for 1817	4,500.00	26,163.95

24. Accounts Audited:

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1st Dist.	1,118.25
Walton & Hibberd, " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, " 3d "	413.00
G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller, 1 Quarter's Salary, 15th instant	500.00
Jac. P. Roome, Supering Repairs, 1 Quarter's Salary, 14th Instant	225.00

Jonath Pinckney, Cit. Intendt. 1 Quarter's Salary, 19th instant	250.00	
Jos. Varick, Inspecr. of Bread, 1 Quarter's Salary, 17th instant	94.50	
Wm West, Removg a Vessel from Public Slip, Ordered 10th inst.	30.00	
Hen. Gatty, Overcharge of Tax, Ordered 10th inst	14.00	
Jac. Hays, Offcrs. conveyg Prisrs to Penitenty 12th Augt to 1st Nov	50.00	
[56] Corlis and May, flagging Bd Way	2,000.00	
Pet. De Baun, regulatg Greenwich and Hudson Streets—Ordd 10th inst	1,500.00	
Corporation Grace Church, Award for Hudson Street	863.75	
Mry E. & Jno. J. Kipley, Cath. Duryee Guardian—Award for Bridge St	736.40	
Abner Higgins, fillng Rutgers Slip	600.00	
Thos. Scott, paving State Street	500.00	
Jno. Culbert, do. Oliver Street	500.00	
Jas. Pinkerton, do. Spring Street	414.82	
Robt Latimer, regulg Christopher St	300.00	
Chs. Mooney, paving Broadway	200.00	
Chs. Golden, do. Hudson St	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, do. Cross Street	200.00	
Leonard Bleecker, Treasurer Free School Society—2 Grants	1,500.00	
Richard Furman for the New Alms House	4,000.00	16,892.22
	Balance.	$9,271.73

Adjourned to Monday next, 6 o'clock.

[57] In Common Council: November 24. 1817.

Present The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Pres.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jno. B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
Anthony L. Underhill:	Leonard Kip:
E. Holmes:	William Stone:
Geo. Buckmaster:	John Remmy:
Arthur Burtis:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. B. Thorp:	Effingm Schieffelin:
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Robert Kelly, for a Vault in Cliff Street, was read and granted on usual terms.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Orange Street, that said street between Grand and Hester Streets may be paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

[58] A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against enlarging an Alley between Water and Front Streets, was read and referred to the Committee on that subject, to wit: the Street Committee, Street Commissioner, and Aldermen & Assistants

A Representation from Theophilus Marselis, stating that he had been called upon for payment of a Tax in 1811 which had been paid by him, and enclosing an Affidavit of Peter Marselis to that effect, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition from Thomas Burling, similar to that of T. Marselis above, was read and referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Robert Stokes, for Remission of Fine incurred under the Hackney Carriage Law, was read and granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of Alexander Campbell was received, stating that on the 17th June 1811 Lot No. 1006 of Bayard's Farm was sold by [59] the Corporation for the Term of twenty one years to Justice Ward—that he is the purchaser of said Lot from the said Ward—that a demand has been made on him for Assessments laid for improving Canal Street —that, as that Assessment was laid in 1810, he presumes the Lot in question cannot be liable to the same—and praying the interference of the Common Council—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Letter from William T. Coffee was received, tendering to the Corporation a Bust in Plaister of his Excellency De Witt Clinton Governor of the State to be placed over the Jury Room near the Grand Stair Case, which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Resignation from Charles Gardner, as Measurer of Grain, was received and accepted.

The Committee of Applications, to whom had been referred the Petition of William Smith for appointment of Measurer, Re- [60] ported—that, in consequence of the Vacancy occasioned by the above Resignation of Gardner, and being satisfied with the character of Mr. Smith, they would recommend he be appointed to that office—Which Report was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

A Report of Noah Jarvis, Collector of Assessments for Canal Street was received, containing the following Statement of Amounts Received for said assessments.

Amount of Assessment		$.159,237.17
Deduct Amot of Assessmts 1812. as were collected	$23,699.21	
Also amount collected by General Tax on the City and County of New York	47,402.27	71,101.48
Balance=		88,135.69
Add Int for 5 years, 4 mo. (average time)		32,903.98
Uncollected 1st June 1817=		121,039.67
Charge to the Corporn Amt Assessments on their propty (without Int	3,324.56	
Account of A. L. Stewart—pd	3,825.97	
Offset to Corptn Trinity Chch	12,500.00	
Collectns pd Treasury by N. Jarvis	74,000.00	93,650.53
Balance uncollected, Nov. 24. 1817=		$.27,389.14

which Report was directed to be filed.

[61] A Petition of Jacob Quick, was referred to the Market Committee.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition from the Inhabitants opposite the Bowling Green, Reported:

"That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, as far as relates to the Regulating and Paving the Street, and would recommend that the enclosed Ordinance be passed for that purpose—And would also recommend that the proprietors of the Lots on the Bowling Green be permitted to remove the Pump now standing in front of their Lots, to the opposite side next the Bowling Green—at their own expence."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" Leonard Kip:
" John Remmy:
" Jno. McComb, St. Commr

which was approved.

The Market Committee, on the Petition of Solomon G. Dean for Stall No. 43, Catherine Market, Reported in his favor and that [62] it be granted to him—which was approved.

The Market Committee, on the Petition of A. Buckman for continuance of Grocery Store under the Duane Market, Reported:

"That they have examined the Petition, and in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted, and the Mayor call in his License and return him his money; and in future no License be

granted for the purpose of retailing spirituous liquor under any of our public Markets."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster:
" William Stone:
" Stephen Allen:
" Jno. B. Coles:
" A. L. Underhill.

which Report was approved.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of the Butchers holding Stalls in the Collect Market, and of other Butchers for stalls in the New Market, made the following Report:

"That they have had the subject of said petitions under consideration, and [63] respectfully recommend to the Board, that the persons, hereafter named, be Licensed to sell at the Stalls situated and numbered in Said Market, as follows:

No. 1—Asa W. Wesson.
" 2—Joseph Blackwell.
" 3—William H. Gross.
" 4—John Hilliker.
" 5—Jacob Tiere.
" 6—William Reeves.
" 7—Stephen Hilliker.
No. 8—John Fash.
" 9—Thomas Moore.
" 10—William Bowen.
" 11—James Simson.
" 12—John Basely.
" 13—William Moore.
" 14—John Trigler.

The Committee beg leave further to recommend that the said market be hereafter known & distinguished by the name of the Centre Market."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster:
" Stephen Allen:
" A. L. Underhill:
" Jno. B. Coles:
" William Stone.

which was approved.

[64] The Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies, the following persons were appointed Firemen: to wit

"Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1."

Wm A. F. Pentz, Druggist, 4 Old Slip, 1st Ward, vice Rich. G. Lowerre, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

Abraham Campbell, Carpenter, 153 Duane S, 5th Wd, vice Rich. Lafurgie, Expelled.

Jesse Howard, Grocer, Leonard c. Church, 5th Wd, vice George Davidson, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 15."

George Horton, Mason, 145 Chatham S. 4th Wd, vice Nehemiah Ludlum, Resigned.

Miles Sowerby, Cabt Maker, 134 Division S. 10th Wd, vice Thomas Parker, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 36."

Rich. Moore, Blacksmith, 28 Harrison S, 5th Wd, vice William Knapp, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Increase C. Baker, Grocer, 210 Bowery, 10th Wd, vice Valentine Losea, Resigned.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting a Basin about to be made at the foot of Spring Street on the Hudson River, [65] presented a Report, which was referred back to the same Committee for Amendment—who immediately reported it amended, as follows: to wit

"That they have taken the same into consideration, and fully approve of the proposed alteration therein stated—that is, to extend the North Pier at the foot of Spring Street 230 feet with the L beyond west Street into the Hudson River—also two Blocks and Bridges in part of the South Pier—the further extension of said Pier which will be necessary to complete the aforesaid Basin is recommended to lie over for the present and for the future consideration of the Board—And that the Street Commissioner be authorised to Contract, agreeable to a former Report, for the erecting of the aforesaid North Pier 230 feet with the L beyond West Street and two blocks and bridges in part of the South Pier as above stated—the Expence of which on this plan will not exceed ten thousan[d] Dollars for the Corporation part, and under the sum first authorised by the Board on a former plan for this pur- [66] pose." All which is respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill:
" Eldad Holmes:
" Jno. McComb St. Commr:
" Jacob B. Taylor:
" Arthur Burtis.

which Report was approved.

The Counsel presented a Release for a piece of Ground at the corner of Fulton and Cliff Streets to Samuel Parsons, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each: to wit—For Regulating Christopher Street from Washington Street to Asylum Street— and, For Regulating and Paving Orange Street from Chatham Street to Bayard Street.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances: to wit

President & Directors of the Bank of New York,	Owners		Hudson St.	Lot.
Daniel Paris,	Owner.		Hudson c. Laight	do.
John Hurley,	do.		Stanton & Eldridge.	do.
[67] Robert Ainslie,	Owner		Sullivan St.	do.
Thomas Ash,	do.	33	Leonard St.	do.
Jno. Johnson,	Owner	64.	Chapel St.	Privy.
A. W. Robins & J. B. Loring,	Occ.			
Mr. Ryer,	Owner	3.	Leonard St.	do.
Jno. Aikins,	Occupant			
D. Murray,	Own.	16.	do.	do.
Jno. Arnoux,	Occ.			
Mary Blauvelt,	Own.	20.	do	do.
	Occ.			
Leonard Martin,	Lessee & Occ.	22.	do.	do.
E. Dickson,	Own.	25.	do.	do.
J. A. Dulion,	Occ.			
Gilbt Rich,	Own. & Occ.	29.	do.	do.
A. Herring,	Own.	30.	do.	do.
Benj. Odle,	Occ.			
A. Herring,	Own.	32.	do.	do.
H. Villiers,	Occ.			
S. Baxter,	Own.	34.	do.	do.
T. Wyant,	Occ.			
Jas. Mead,	Own. & Occ.	35.	do.	do.
Widow Miller,	Own.	37.	do.	do.
Robt Hyslop,	Occ.			
Widow Miller,	Own.	39.	do.	do.
O. Frost,	Occ.			
Jno. Johnston,	Own. & Occ.	42.	do.	do.
P. Bogert,	Own.	44.	do.	do.
H Ludlum,	Occ.			

[68] P. Bogert,	Own.	46.	Leonard St.	Privy
Jas. Dougherty,	Occ.			
G. Concklin,	Own.	50.	do.	do.
C. Taylor,	Occ.			
C. Debevoise	Own.	52.	do.	do.
G. Collins,	Occ.			
C. Debevoise,	Own. & Occ.	54.	do.	do.
Jno. Van Allen,	do. do.	56.	do.	do.
J. Frederick,	do. do.	58.	do.	do.
Wm Gaskee,	do. do.	60.	do.	do.
B. Strong,	Agt	61.	do.	do.
Miss Fletcher,	Occ.			
L. Ford,	Own.	62.	do.	do.
E. Thomas,	Occ.			
Mrs. Pearsall,	Own. & Occ.	65.	do.	do.
Mr. Buskirk,	Own.	67.	do.	do.
U. Ryder & B. Horton,	Occ.			

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication, respecting an advance to Robert Latimer for his Contract on the 8th Avenue; to wit

"Agreeably to the intention of the Corporation he entered into a Contract with Robert Latimer to work the Avenue, [69] for the sum of $15,000. in divisions for the sums set to each division:

For the 1st 11,911 feet	$3,782.20
" 2d 13,100 "	10,541.80
" 3d 3,380 "	676.00
	$15,000.00

The present state and progress of the work is, as follows:

The 1st Division is complete	$3,782.20
" 2d " is work'd to Amot. say	2,500.00
" 3d " is nearly complete	500.00
	6,782.20
Paid him sundry times on acct	4,500.00
Balance in favor of Work	$2,282.20

The Street Commissioner exceedingly regrets that the Contractor has not been able to procure the security usually required to Contracts for the performance of the work. Robert Macomb Esqr. was the person named by Mr. Latimer as security, and who it was understood had given assurances to that effect—but who has not as yet been prevailed on to do so, altho' waited on by Mr. Latimer, and also by the Assistant Street Commissioner—Mr. Latimer's straightened circumstances have as yet [70] prevented him from getting any other person to enter into security for him—The Street Commissioner has withheld the payment of the last $1000—which was granted for this work, until security was given, but he presumes that unless the Contractor can be indulged with money as the work progresses that he must abandon the Avenue—The Street Commissioner would therefore recommend that Mr. Latimer be paid as the work progresses, in such a way however as that there remain a sum in the hands of the Corporation sufficient to secure them against any loss.

And as at present there is work performed to the value of more than $2000 over and above the monies which have been paid him, there can be no risk on the part of the Corporation to advance him $1000—by receiving which he informs me that he will be able to prosecute the work, without which he will be under the necessity of selling his teams."

(sign'd) Jno. Macomb S[t] Cm.

which was approved, and he was authorised to advance to Mr. Latimer $1000

[71] A Resolution respecting a Gore of Land between Water and Front Streets and near the property of S. Miller, was presented, as follows:

" Resolved, that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening Roosevelt Street be authorised to assess upon the Corporation the value of a Gore of land between Water and Front Streets, and between the property of Silvanus Miller and a line running southerly in the direction of the Westerly Side of Roosevelt Street "
and ordered to be referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Resolution was presented directing the Counsel to take the necessary steps for opening Ei[g]hty-Sixth Street from the Western Extremity of the present Hell Gate round to the Intersection of said Street with the 3[d] Avenue—which was referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Resolution was presented, directing an [72] enquiry into the propriety of altering or obtaining an alteration of the present Rates of Wharfage allowed by law to Corporation Piers or Slips—which was referred to the Committee on Legislative Applications, namely, to Munson: Brackett: Jones: Akerly: and the Counsel.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 17th ins	$9,271.73	
Received for Rents	5,004.50	
" " Tax for 1817	8,300.00	
" " Excise	100.00	
" " Streets	4,000.00	
" " Canal Street	15,000.00	41,676.23

14 Accounts Audited.

Thos. Franklin, Chief Engineer, 1 Quarter's Salary—18th ins.	200.00	
Wm Smith, Collectr City Revenue, 1 Quarter's Salary—22d inst.	200.00	
B. Skaats, Keeper Hall, 1 Quar. 24 inst. and Expences	306.64	
Jac. Parsell, 3 Qrs. Rent of Room for Engine No. 34—1st ins.	25.50	
M. Reid, Balce Well & Pump, Reid St	52.88	
[73] John Parsons, Well, Cherry St. near Pike St.—1st ins.	35.96	
J. Meghan, Paving Broadway	400.00	
Thos. Scott, do. Lombardy St	200.00	
J. McComb, Addtnl Int. to 24th ins. on Amt refundd to Leon. Fisher	20.65	
Jno. Anderson, Pier Reprs Vesey and Fulton Streets, North River	1,000.00	
Th. & Geo. Lovett, Reprg Pier, West Side Fulton Slip, E. River	820. 5	
Henry Allen, Pier at Gouverneur's Slip, 2d inst	400.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supdt Repairs, to pay Workmen for Materials	1,300.00	
Rich. Furman, Supdt Alms House	5,000.00	9,961.68
Balance		$31,714.55

Adjourned to Monday next 6 o'clock.

[74] In Common Council. December 1st 1817.

Present: The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
Jos. Warren Brackett:	Wm F. Van Amringe:
Anthony L. Underhill:	William Stone:
Eldad Holmes:	John Remmy:
Thos. R. Smith:	Samuel Akerly:
Robert McQueen:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Effingham Schieffelin:
Arthur Burtis:	Stephen Allen.
George B. Thorp:	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Robert Latimer, for an advance of money on his Contract respecting the 8th Avenue, was read and referred to the Road Committee, and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from John Diaz, for permission [75] to remove a house through the Streets, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Richard P. Lawrence, for remission of Fine recovered against him under the Hackney Carriage Law, was read and referred to the Counsel.

A Petition of the Teachers of Sunday School No. 4. for the use of a Room in the Hall or Old Alms House was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Trustees of the African Zion Church to be released from payment of an Assessment for Canal Street, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity to report.

A Petition of Benjamin Romaine, for a Vault in Hudson Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

A Petition of the Female Missionary Society, that a Lamp may be placed opposite [76] the Church in Bancker Street erected by them, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee with authority.

A Petition of Tompkins O. Treadwell, for License as a Carman, he being a Minor, was read and laid for Consideration.

A Memorial of Joseph Delaplaine was received, stating that he is about establishing a Gallery of Portraits of distinguished Americans, and that he would be desirous of establishing the same in the City of New York if a suitable Lot upon which to erect the same could

be procured, and he therefore solicited from the Corporation a Grant of such Lot and to be informed of the terms—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Silvester Gilbert for Remission of Fine for selling Liquor without License, was referred to the Attorney to Report.

A Petition of David J. Hubbs for appoint- [77] ment of Guager was read, and also a Remonstrance from Ralph Duncan against the appointment—whereupon, on Motion, David J. Hubbs was appointed to the Office of Guager.

Petitions of Owners of Market and Wood Vessels frequenting James' Slip, and also a number of Inhabitants and Owners in the Vicinity, praying that the Waters Between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip may be taken for a Public Slip or Basin, were read and referred to the Committee of Wharves, Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

A Petition of Matthew Byrne for License to sell at Stall No. 33. Catharine Market, was read and granted.

A Petition of James Bashford for a Stall in Centre Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Ewing for appointment of City Surveyor was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

[78] A Petition of the Society of United Christian Friends for a Lot whereon to erect a Place for Public Worship, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from Henry Rutgers and others stating that great loss and inconvenience will result from the Direction of the Board to collect the Arrearages of Taxes in the 7th Ward, as for other reasons the List upon which the Collection is to be made was made out by the Collector from memory after the original had been destroyed by fire, and praying the Interference of the Board, was read—whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that the ground at the Point of Corlear's Hook be reserved for a Public Walk or Parade, and that the Space south of Lombardy Street and East of Corlaer Street be taken for that purpose, was read and referred to the aldermen and assistants of the 7th and 10th Wards, the Comptroller and Counsel.

[79] A Petition of E. Wheaton, on the subject of a Building erected by him within the Fire Limits, was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Street Commissioner.

The Following Persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—to wit

"Hook and Ladder Company, N° 3."

Peter P. Roome, vice

"Fire Engine Company No. 8."

John Burchan, Chair M^kr, 8 Broad St. 1^st Ward vice Hector Sinclair, Resigned.

Rich. Ronalds, Chair M^kr, 5 Courtland S. 3^d Ward, vice John Watson Resigned.

Rich. Spellman, Chair M^r, 2 *Birginham* [Birmingham] S. 8^th W^d, vice More Lee, Resigned.

Rich. Langley, Shoe M^kr, Greenwich St 5^th W^d, vice Sebe Bogert, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 10."

William Hooghland, vice

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Aaron Ogden for the Renewal of his Lease [80] for his present Steam-Boat privilege &c. Reported as follows:

"That the prayer of his Memorial should be granted—subject, however, to be at an end at the expiration of Eight Years, or at such earlier period as this Corporation may require the said Leased Premises for public purposes— and subject also to such Covenants as are contained in his former Lease."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster:
Rent. $ " J. Warren Brackett:
" Eldad Holmes.

which was approved, and the Counsel directed to prepare a Lease agreeably thereto.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution respecting a Gore of Land lying in front of the Lots of Silvanus Miller Esqr. on Front Street, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee and Comptroller, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Corporation of Trinity Church, with the Report of the Street Commissioner and Comp- [81] troller thereon, reported as follows:

"That the Statement then exhibited, on the 8^th September last, has been corrected, in consequence of part of the principal sum hav-

ing been charged to other accounts, and an increase of Interest from the 19th September 1817 to the present date.

Agreeably to the Account Current, herewith presented, there is a Balance of $12,178.24 due to the Corporation of Trinity Church, which is now reported for a Warrant."

(Sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
" Reuben Munson:
" G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

which was approved, and the Warrant Reported this evening directed to pass.

The Committee of Laws, on the Petition of the Justices of the Justice's Court, Reported the following Resolutions: to wit

"Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to fit up the Room in the Basement Story of the City Hall, now occupied as a Court Room by said [82] Justices, in such a manner as may be deemed proper by the Committee on Repairs, (first hearing the wishes and suggestions of the said Justices,) for the more convenient accommodation of said Court.

"Resolved that this Board will pay an Officer, to keep order in said Court, the usual sum paid in such cases, until some other provision may be made by law for this purpose, or until the further order of this Board."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Effingham Schieffelin.

which were approved.

The Comptroller made the following Report respecting a Deed from Robert Steele to the Corporation: to wit

"The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board a Deed from Robert Steele for a piece of Ground in the 9th Ward, part of Lot No. 31, formerly called the Inclinburgh Property, Reconveyed by him agreeably to a Report of the Committee of Finance on the 17th ulto. and which was agreed to by the Board.

[83] "The Deed is approved by the Counsel, and a Warrant has been reported at the present meeting in favor of Mr. Steele for the amount due to him."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

which was approved, and the Warrant reported this evening directed to pass.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition that Orange Street between Grand and Hester Streets might be paved, Reported in favor of the Petition, which Report was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to carry the same into effect.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Theophilus Marselis, reported:

"That, in their opinion, there is no reason to doubt the facts therein stated, as Mr. Peter T. Marselis states under oath that he himself paid the Tax to the Collector; and it is well known that this Collector kept his Books in a very loose manner: It is therefore recommended that Mr. Gilbert be instructed to close the account [84] of Mr Marselis, amounting to $24.9."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
" Reuben Munson:
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of David Longworth making application to furnish the Board with a new Map of the City, Reported:

"That they have examined the same and are much pleased with the neatness and the comprehensive manner in which it is executed— They have, by virtue of the power delegated to them by the Corporation, purchased 50 Copies which are now in the charge of the Clerk— 30 of them are mounted, and might with propriety and advantage be distributed to the Members of the Board, and to such Officers thereof as the Committ^ee^ should think fit. The Cost of the Map coloured and mounted is two dollars and seventy five cents."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
" Reuben Munson:
" Samuel Akerly.

Approved.

[85] The Ferry Committee, on the Petition of Samuel Evans relative to a Lease, made the following Report: to wit,

"That they have had the subject of said Petition under consideration, and respectfully recommend to the Board that a Ferry be granted to Samuel Evans, at the foot of Walnut Street in New York to Little Street in Long Island, on the West Side and adjacent to the Navy Yard, for the term of Fifteen years, for the accommodation of

said Mechanics and others in crossing. Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be requested to make out a Lease for Captain Samuel Evens for the term of fifteen years—the first seven years without rent—the remaining Eight years at One hundred Dollars per year."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes
" J. Warren Brackett

which Report was approved, and the Counsel directed to prepare a Lease agreeably thereto.

[86] The Police Committee, to whom was referred the account of B. OBlenis, Clerk of the Police Office, made the following Report:

"That the Accounts commence as early as March 1811, and are continued down to March 1817. The Debits against the Corporation are principally for taking and transporting prisoners to the different prisons, and for Stationary and Fuel for the Office.

"The Credits arise principally from Fines for breaking windows, and for disturbing Amos Broad's Church—And the balance of these accounts against the Corporation amount to Sixty eight dollars seventy eight cents—and your Committee recommend that a Warrant issue for the same.

"While on the subject of these accounts, your Committee must express their disapprobation of the practice of letting these accounts run so many years without a Settlement—and recommend, that for the future all accounts for De- [86A] bits against the Corporation, for the expences of that office be presented semi-annually, and that the amount of all Fines be also semi-annually deposited in the City Treasury, with a view that in future the Expences of the Police Office be paid by a Warrant and not by the credit of fines belonging to the Corporation.

"Your Committee have also considered the Resolution relating to Recognizances, likewise referred to them.

"They find that the Recognizances taken from Retailers of Spirituous Liquors and forfeited for bad conduct, now belong to the Corporation, but from a misapprehension of the present law they have not been prosecuted. Your Committee recommend that the Attorney of the Board examine into this subject, and prosecute for such forfeited recognizances.

"There is another description of Recognizance (taken at the

Police) to keep the Peace and for good behaviour—these by the present law are taken in the name of the People—the amount of the bonds are frequently small, being taken from persons [86B] in indigent circumstances, & are returned by the Police into the Court of Exchequer, where they are never prosecuted or enforced, so that neither Corporation or State get the benefit for such forfeited Recognizances.

"The Amount of such Recognizances, if collected, would probably more than pay all the expences of the Police Establishment. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the Counsel take the necessary steps to obtain an alteration in the mode of taking these last mentioned recognizances, so that in future they may be taken in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty &c. And it is considered that the Legislature would make the alteration suggested, for the Recognizances taken in the Police Office, differ in the manner of taking them from the mode pursued in other counties in the State—and as the law at present is it is believed nearly nugatory."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Samuel Stevens
" George B. Thorp

which Report was approved.

[87] The Street Commissioner presented assessments for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street, and for Repaving Broadway from Pearl Street to Leonard Street—which were confirmed, and Morris D'Camp appointed Collector in each.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the application of Sundry Butchers for permission to sell Meat in the Streets, reported, as follows:

"That there are as many Public Markets for Butchers (if they would occupy them) as are necessary for the convenience and advantage of the public, with some few exceptions." Wherefore,

"They would recommend, that the Counsel of the Board be and hereby is directed to prepare an Ordinance at the Next Meeting of the Board prohibiting Butchers from selling Meat in the public Streets of our City, to the Southward of a Line commencing at the East River and First Street, up First Street to the Bowery Road, up Bowery Road (including the West Side thereof) to Thirteenth Street, thence along the middle of said Thirteenth [88] Street to the North River—and that from and after the day of no Butcher be permitted to sell any Meat in our public Streets to the Southward of the

above Line, under the penalty of Dollars for each and every offence."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson:
" J. Warren Brackett:
" George B. Thorp.

which was approved.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of Sundry Nuisances; to wit

F. Wartendyke,	Own.	4.	Franklin St.	Privy.
— R. Wartendyke,	Occ.			
J. Mowatt, Jr,	Own.	5.	do.	do.
J. Patterson,	Occ.			
Dr. Van Daren,	Own. & Occ.	6.	do.	do.
J. Mowatt, Jr.	Own.	7.	do.	do.
J. S. Dusenberry,	Occ.			
Mrs. Huyler	Own.	14.	do.	do.
L. Lefferts	Occ.			
L. Skidmore	Own.	2.	Prova[ost] St.	do.
J. Hatton	Occ.			
J. Wilson	Lessee	4.	do.	do.
J. M[c]Pherson	Occ.			
J. M[c]Farland,	Own. & Occ.	5.	do.	do.
[89] W[m] Arnot	Own.	18.	Provost St.	do.
J. Concklin	Occ.			
E. Anderson,	Own.	20.	do.	do.
S. Satterly,	Occ.			
E. Anderson	Own.	22.	do.	do.
Mr. Vanpold	Occ.			
A. Journey	Own.	58.	do.	do.
J. Dennis	Occ.			
A. Arden	Own.	3.	White St.	do.
E. Fish	Occ.			
A. Arden	Own.	5.	do.	do.
E. Byrne	Occ.			
Mercereau & Stephens,	Own.	9.	do.	do.
S. Gamage	Occ.			
Mercereau & Stephens,	Own.	11.	do.	do.
Mrs. Van Coren	Occ.			
J. Stephens	Own.	13.	do.	do.
J. R. Myrick	Occ.			

J. Stephens E. Robins	Own. Occ.	15.	White St.	Privy
William Post C. McLean	Own. Occ.	16.	do.	do.
—— Vervalen M. R. Bartlett	Own. Occ.	18.	do.	do.
O. Guttero	Own. & Occ.	20.	do.	do.
O. Guttero J. Bayart	Own. Occ.	22.	do.	do.
[90] O. Guttero J. G. Tardy	Own. Occ.	24.	do.	do.
F. Cochran B. Birdsall	Own. Occ.	26.	do.	do.

(sign'd) George Cuming,
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were approved, and passed

Alderman Holmes presented a Communication respecting an Extension of the Time for collecting Arrearage Taxes, with a Resolution, as follows:

" Whereas many errors are said to be made in the charges for Arrearage Taxes ordered by this Board to be collected, and the Time limited for collecting the same expires on this day, and the Time being too short to make the proper Examination

Therefore

"Resolved, that the time for Collecting the arrears of Taxes be extended until the First day of January next."

which Resolution was agreed to.

A Resolution, restraining the City Guagers from accepting an appointment under the Prover of Distilled Spirits appointed by [91] the State, was read and laid on the Table.

A Resolution, directing the Counsel to Report an Ordinance to prevent Goats Running at large in the Streets, was read and laid on the Table.

A Resolution, directing that all Salaries granted by the Corporation be in future paid by Warrant, was read and laid on the Table.

This being the Period assigned by Charter for the appointment of Chamberlain or City Treasurer, Whitehead Fish was unanimously reelected to that Office—and the Clerk was directed to give him notice of the appointment—The Sureties to be given by him were directed to be approved by the Mayor and Comptroller.

Resolved—that the Street Commissioner take Order for the Removal of the Houses from the Ground in Franklin Square taken for the purpose of widening Frankfort Street.

[92] The Comptroller reported,

Balance in Treasury, Nov. 24	$.31.714.55	
Received for Tax for 1817	12,000.00	
" Arrears of Taxes	2,300.00	
" Streets	5,500.00	
" Canal Street	2,000.00	53,514.55

Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1st Dist	1,118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do. 2d	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do. 3d	413.00
Geo. Cuming, City Inspector, 1 Qr's Salary, 28 Nov. & postage	312.75
Wm J. Waldron, assessor* Decr 1 month, 1st inst	50.00
Obadiah Ayres, Do 1 Moth 1st ins	50.00
Sam. Hutchings, St. Inspctr 1 mo	50.00
Jonath. Weeden, do. "	50.00
Dan. H. Magee, Keepr Potters field	45.00
Abr. Brevoort, Inspectr Bread, 1 Quarter Salary, 21st Nov.	96.40
Astin J. [&] Cochran, Messgr 1 Mo. 1st ins	60.00
Steph. McCormick, Keeper of Park, 1 Quarter, 1st instant	136.50
Jas. Warner, Special Justice, 1 Quarter, 26th November	187.50
Jas. Hopson do. do.	187.50
[93] Josiah Hedden, Specl Justce, 1 Quarter, 26 November.	187.50
Bernrd OBlenis, Clk. Polce Offce	250.00
R. Stephens, Asst do. do.	200.00
J. Hays, Officers Extra Servce	182.54
R. Munson, 7 Csks. Oil, bot. McCrosby	695.00
G. Snethen, Suptdt Lightng Lamps, 1 Month, 1st December.	702.51
Robt Steele, Reconveyance Lot Inclinburg & Int	560.28
Corlis & May, flaggg Broadway	800.00
Thos. Scott, paving State Street	300.00
Chs. Golden, do. Hudson St	300.00
Jno. Culbert, do. Oliver St	300.00
J. McComb, St. Commr Commission Attorney's &c—opening Franklin St	208.30
Thos. Scott, paving Lombardy St	200.00
Chs. Mooney, do. Broadway	200.00
Th. Barnum, Suptng Wharves, 1 Month, 1st instant	48.00
J. McComb, S. C. Repng Roads	300.00
W. Fish, Trsrr 21st Divd Cit. Stock, due 1st November	12,000.00
Rich. Furman, Suptdt Alms House	10,000.00
Rich. Furman, do. 1st Avenue	1,000.00
Rich. Furman, do. 3d Avenue	500.00

*Waldron and Ayres were Assistant City Inspectors, not Assessors.—ED.

[94] L. S. Burling, for Redemption of Bills of Credit.....	500.00	
Dav. Longworth, 80 Maps—City—4 Directories, &c.....	115.25	
Corporation Trinity Church, Balance due 1st Decr.....	12,178.24	45,167. 2
	(Balance=	$8,347.53

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

(95] In Common Council: December 8th 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Presdt

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Wm F. Van Amringe:
Eldad Holmes:	John Remmy:
Thos. R. Smith:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Effinghm Schieffelin.
Robt McQueen:	Stephen Allen.
George B. Thorp:	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition, of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Grand and Crosby Streets, for Lamps to be placed in the adjacent Streets was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition from William Lowerre, Butcher, for Remission of Fine incurred (on which he is now in prison) [96] for selling Meat out of the Regular Markets, was read and referred to the Market Committee and Attorney, with authority to remit the Fine incurred, if in their judgment proper.

A Petition, for Regulating Lombardy Street between Clinton and Walnut Streets, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to Report an Ordinance therefor.

A Memorial of the Licensed Butchers, complaining of the practice of persons' selling meat out of the regular markets, was read, and the consideration postponed until the coming in of the Ordinance directed to be Reported on that subject.

A Petition from George Fitch, stating that he had acquired the right to a Lot of Ground on Staten Island which, it was supposed, contained a Bed of Coal, and requesting the Loan of the Auger belonging to the Corporation for the purpose of Boring and examining whether Coal is to be there procured—was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs, with [97] authority to loan the same upon Security given for the safe return thereof.

A Petition of Jacob Pessinger—for Remission of a Fine recovered against him for keeping a Dog accustomed to bite—was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Frederick Vogle—for Remission of a Fine incurred by depositing Manure within the prohibited Limits—was read and granted.

The Street Commissioner presented a Map shewing the direction which 11th and 12th Streets will take across the property of John H. Ireland with the Improvements that will be affected thereby—which was directed to be referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Dietz, requesting the Regulation of the Streets adjacent to his Glue Factory, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[98] A Petition of John Varian Jr—for Permission to continue to sell Meat at the Corner of Cross and Pearl Streets—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Executors of Jonathan Dixon deceased—praying the Corporation to Release to them a small Gore of Ground formerly belonging to the Estate of Dixon and left by widening Orange Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Petition from Abiel Backman—to be permitted to have License to Sell Liquors in the Cellar under Duane Market leased by him from the Corporation—was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition from Frederick De Peyster—that a Grant for a Water Lot ordered on the 18th July 1814 to be made out to him, adjoining his Lot on Marketfield and Washington Streets, may be made out to William Gibbons who has purchased the same from him—was referred to the [99] Committee on Wharves, Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Griffin Williams—for Relinquishment of a Penalty recovered against him for selling unsound meat in Market (he being only an Agent in the Sale and the unsoundness unknown to him)—was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against forming a Public Slip or Basin between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street as prayed for by certain Petitioners, and recommending the Formation of a Public Basin at the foot of Oliver Street—was read, and laid on the

Table until the coming in of the Report of the Committee on that subject.

The Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom had been referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants and of Owners & Masters of vessels for the Establishment of the Public Slip above mentioned, presented a Report—which being read, the above Remonstrance, the Report [100] of the said Committee and the Subject generally were referred to a special Committee consisting of Aldermen Brackett: Burtis: Coles: Thorp: M^cQueen.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies): to wit

"Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2."

"Isaac Carpenter, Black Sm^th, 37. Chatham S. 4^th W^d vice John Halstead, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

"Lorenzo Hitchcock, Tinman, 353 Greenwich S. 5^th W^d vice John Patterson, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 36."

"Rhasy Griffin, Black Sm^th, 28 Harrison S. 5^th W^d vice Joseph Brundrage, Resigned.

"Fire Wardens of the 4^th Ward."

"Jno. P. Anthony, Tanner, Frankfort St. 4^th Ward—vice Eldad Holmes, Resigned

on the recommendation of the Fire Wardens of said Ward and the Certificate of the Chief Engineer.

[101] The Comptroller presented an Account of Alpheus Sherman, Attorney of the Board, which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller, on the Petition of Samuel Tooker in behalf of the Society of United Christians, presented a Report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner made a Communication—stating that Ordinances were passed in August last for Regulating certain Streets in the village of Greenwich a part of which passes over Ground formerly owned by Mr. Hammond, but which was ceded by him for Streets—that Mr. Hammond now lays claim to the Earth in those Streets—and the Street Commissioner recommended a Reference of

the subject—whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel and Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for Paving Orange Street between Hester and Grand Streets—which was [102] passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Aaron Ogden for a Dock and Pier at the South side of Marketfield Street—which was directed to be duly executed.

The City Intendant made a Communication representing as an inconvenience that Individuals had Carts for their own private accommodation which were numbered similarly with Carmen's Carts—also that Carmen and Butchers were in the practice of Leaving their Carts in the Street without any person to attend to them—(a practice attended with danger to the Community—) whereupon, the Subject was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances: to wit

John Smith,	Lessee & Occ^{t}	146 Washington S.	
A. W. Hardenbrook,	Own.	37. Lombardy St.	do.
G. Addison	Occ.		Privy.
D^{l} Banvard,	Lessee & Occ.	Mercer c. Canal Sts.	do.
[103] Simon Fleet	Own.	106. Bayard St.	do.
M. Ryon	Occ.		
Tunis Van Brunt	Own.	8. South St.	do.
Chs. Weed,	Lessee & Occ	9. do.	do.
Jesse Mead,	Lessee & Occ	Mercer St.	do.
D^{l} Banvard,	Lessee.	do.	do.
Dilman Hender,	Occ		
A. L. Stewart	Own.	6. Walker St.	do.
J. Garrison	Occ.		
Dr. T. Buckelow,	Own. & Occ.	8. do.	do.
Mr. Banner,	Own.	46. do.	do.
G. Hawkes,	Occ.		
Mrs. Bradford	Own. & Occ.	53. do.	do.
W^{m} J. Stewart	Own.	55. do.	do.
P. Wilson	Occ.		
W^{m} J. Stewart	Own.	57. do.	do.
Cesar Johnson	Occ.		

Wm J. Stewart	Own.	3.	Lespinard St.	
S. Wigton	Occ.			Privy.
Andrew Blank,	Own. & Occ.	7.	do.	do.
Mr. McBryer	Own.	12.	do.	do.
R. Burchan	Occ.			
Jas. Murray	Own. & Occ.	16.	do.	do.
Wm Weeden	do. do.	17.	do.	do.
J. Skilman	Own.	18.	do.	do.
E. Reed	Occ.			
Thos. Hathaway,	Les. & Occ.	32.	do.	do.
[104] Rob. Bowne	Own.	41.	do.	do.
Uriah Hill	Occ.			
J. Brewer,	Own. & Occ.	45.	do.	do.
J. Ogden	do. do.	47.	do.	do.
G. R. Beck	Own.	12.	Mulberry St.	do.
J. Scott	Occ.			
E. Gilman	Own. & Occ.		Canal St.	do.
J. Vanderbeck	Own.		do.	do.
J. Herring	Occ.			
J. Vanderbeck	Own.		do.	do.
Mrs. Braslee	Occ.			
C. Watson	Own.	5.	do.	do.
B. Hilton	Occ.			
Wm Howell	Own.	6.	do.	do.
Mrs. Sibert	Occ.			
Otis Taff	Own. & Occ.	7.	do.	do.
E. Dugan	do. do.	10.	do.	do.
P. Lorillard	Own.	11.	do.	do.
A. Dobbs	Occ.			
T. Quin	Own.	13.	do.	do.
T. Austin	Occ.			
E. Dugan	Own.	14.	do.	do.
P. Murray	Occ.			
A. Witeloe	Lessee.	16.	do.	do.
P. Baxter	Occ.			

(sign'd) George Cuming, C. Inspectr

which Ordinances were passed.

[105] The Attorney, on the Petition of Silvester Gilbert, Reported as follows:

"That a Complaint was made against Sylvester Gilbert and Ben-

jamin E. Prime for selling liquors by retail at No. 108 Vesey Street in this City—That a notice was accordingly sent to them, when Mr. Gilbert called upon him and stated that he had no License for Vesey Street, nor his Copartner, but had a License for 28 Front Street—He was informed that it was necessary to get his License transferred to Vesey Street if he intended to continue at that place, and that he could not sell at both places under one License. He stated that he had or was about to quit business in Front Street, that he had failed in business and was insolvent, and appeared to be indifferent on that account as to any fine which he might have incurred—That a few weeks after he was summoned to come and answer to said complaint, when he made default and paid no further attention to the business—a judgment was of course given against him—That when an execution was issued against him, he was on the Limits [106] at the suit of some of his Creditors, where he still remains detained by them as well as by the said Execution.

"The Attorney respectfully suggests the propriety of Remitting the Penalty, on the Petitioner's getting his License transferred to 106 Vesey Street, and entering into the usual recognizance for that place, and on paying costs."

(sign'd) A. Sherman.

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of the Trustees of the African Church in Church Street, Reported as follows:

"That the Petitioners are not entitled in Law to be relieved from the payment of the Assessment laid on their church for the opening of Canal Street: Yet considering the institution and support of places of Worship as highly beneficial, not only to the morals, but to the industry of the lower classes of the Community, and considering, also, that the People of Colour composing this Society are poor and already embarrassed in their church affairs—Your Committee recommend that the Board [107] relieve them from the payment of this Assessment."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen:
" John B. Coles:
" Samuel Stevens:
" Eldad Holmes:
" Arthur Burtis.

which Report was approved.

The Committee on the Petition of Stephen Huestis, presented a Report which was referred back to the same Committee for further investigation.

The Finance Committee, Comptroller and Counsel, to whom was referred the communication of the Comptroller on the subject of the Claim of the Corporation against Wm A. Hardenbrook, Reported as follows:*

[108] The Special Committee, to whom it was referred to consider and report such matters in relation to the City as would require an Application to the Legislature, Reported in part as follows:

"That they are of opinion, that it would be proper to apply for a law authorizing the Corporation to permit [109] the owners of property required for the purpose of opening or widening Streets to continue their buildings on the same for such length of time as the Corporation may think proper to appoint.

"2. For a Law authorizing the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to compel witnesses to appear before them & give testimony.

"3. For a Law authorizing the Corporation to sell and close old Roads and to convert to their own use Gores or parts of Streets.

"4. For a Law requiring the Commissioners of Excise to give security, & to deliver to the Chamberlain once a week during the Month of May, & once a month during the residue of the year a list of the licences granted, & to pay over to him the amounts received at those times.

"5. For a Law laying a tax & to authorize the Collectors to distrain out of their respective wards, without obtaining a special warrant for that purpose.

"6. For a Law relative to the relief and settlement of the poor.

"7. For a law to extend the fire limits.

"The Committee farther report—that it is not necessary to apply to the Legislature for authority to increase the rate of Slippage, the existing law authorizing the Corporation to charge as much wharfage in the public Slips as is required at private wharves."

(sign'd) J. W. Brackett: Reub. Munson
" Ogden Edwards: Sam. Akerly

all which was approved (except No. 2 which was postponed) and the Counsel was ordered to report a Memorial therefor to the Legislature.

[110] Resolved—that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department, to report and designate the line of demarcation for an Extension of the Fire Limits.

* Report not entered, although parts of this and the following page were left blank.—ED.

Resolved—that it be referred to the Finance Committee to Report on an Increase of the Amount chargeable upon Vessels lying in and frequenting the Public Slips, and that they report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following Resolution was agreed to:

"In consequence of the Removal of the Buildings on Franklin Square, Engine House No. 12, must come down

"Therefore—Resolved, that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorised to provide a place for the Engine immediately, and that they report to this Board a suitable plan for an Engine House with all convenient speed."

The following was presented by Alderman Buckmaster and agreed to:—to wit

"Resolved—that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to make a [111] register of the Stalls held by Butchers, in the several Markets of this City, and that for this purpose, The several Butchers holding Stands be directed to make returns to the Deputy Clerks of the respective Markets of the Number of the Stalls they hold, and that the said Butchers renew their Licences in the Month of April in each year, for the better Regulation of the Markets

"Resolved—that all Butchers holding permits from this Board be required to Report on or before the first day of January next—as all permits will, after that date, be considered void, unless Renewed by the Corporation."

A Resolution, proposing an Alteration in the 4th and 5th Wood-Inspection Districts, was referred to the City Inspector.

The following Resolution was agreed to:—to wit

"Resolved—that the Committee on Defence be empowered to take such measures as they may deem expedient in order to obtain during the present [112] Session of Congress a Balance due this Corporation from the Government of the United States, from expenditures during the late War."

The Resolution respecting Guagers was called up and being read was as follows:

"Resolved—that no person appointed to the Office of Guager by this Board shall, after the 15th of December instant, be capable of holding the appointment of Deputy Inspector of Distilled Spirits under the Inspector appointed by the Council of appointment of this State, by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to provide for the Inspection of Distilled Spirits," passed 13th April 1814: and in case of any acceptance or holding of

any such appointment. the appointment of Guager made by this Board shall thereupon become vacated and Void."

which Resolution was agreed to.

Resolved—that the subject of obtaining a Rent from the Butchers who occupy the Stalls in the Market be referred [113] to the Committee of Finance to Report at the next Meeting of the Board.

A Resolution to consider the expediency of appointing a Superintendant of Sweeps and to alter the Ordinance on the subject of Chimney Sweepers was read and referred to Mr. Van Amringe: Mr. Remmy: Alderman Holmes.

Resolved—that the 10th Section of the Law to regulate Carts and Carmen be amended by inserting therein after the word "unloading" the words "and housing if required."

A Resolution. that the Board meet hereafter in the Mayor's Office. was read and laid on the Table.

The Comptroller Reported. as follows:

Balance in Treasury, 1st ins		$8,347.53	
Received for Rents		5,835.13	
" " Tavern Licenses		181.30	
[114]" " Arrears of Taxes		800.00	
" " Tax for 1817		7,000.00	
" " Streets		3,600.00	
" " Docks and Slips		700.00	
" " Canal Street		2,000.00	
" " Wells and Pumps		100.00	28,563.96

23 Accounts Audited.

T. Poppleton, Map of East River, from Rutgers to Scammel Street	5.00
Martling & Cozzens. Dinner for Corporation, 25th November	740.50
Thos. Brown, Band Music, 25. Nov	25.00
Thompson Price. Balce Contct for Stone & Work to Park Fence	986.70
B. OBlenis, Clerk Police Office, Balance due 20th July 1817	68.78
Thos. Ridgway, balce Well, Manhattan I	231.51
John Parsons, balce Well, Cherry St	48.19
H. Allen. 3d instlmt, Pier, Gouverneur Slip	400.00
T. & G. Lovett, repairg Piers Nos. 5 & 6, & at Coenties Slip &c	1883.47
Thos. Corbley, repvg Intersections Sts	26.66
Thos. Scott, paving Orange Street, from Pump St. to Hester St	100.00
Jno. Culbert, paving Oliver Street	200.00
Chs. Mooney, paving Broadway	200.00

[115] Jas. Meghan, paving Broadway from Prince St. to Canal St.	200.00	
Abraham Stagg, paving Orange St. from Chatham St. to Bayard St.	300.00	
Thos. Scott, Materials & Work, repaving Whitehall Street.	377.31	
Chas. Mooney, repaving Broad Way from Pearl St. to Leonard St.	600.00	
Corlis & May, flagging Broad Way	800.00	
Pet. De Baun, Regulᵗⁿᵍ Greenwich St.	1000.00	
Abeel & Dunscomb, Iron Mongery for Superᵗᵈⁿᵍ Repairs, 3 Jan. to 1. Nov.	510.27	
Jac. P. Roome, Supⁿᵍ Repairs, Engine House, Greenwich.	1000.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supⁿᵍ Repʳˢ for Lamp Department	135.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supⁿᵍ Repairs of Docks and Slips	1000.00	10,838.39
	Balance	$17,725.57

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

[116] In Common Council: December 15ᵗʰ 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
Jos. Warren Brackett:	Leonard Kip:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Wᵐ F. Van Amringe:
Eldad Holmes:	John Remmy:
Thos. R. Smith:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Arthur Burtis:	Stephen Allen:
Reuben Munson:	Effinghᵐ Schieffelin.
George B. Thorp:	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented a Statement of the Account of Alderman Smith Chairman of the Committee of Arrangement for the Reception of the President of the United States on his visit to this City, stating that he had audited the same and found the sum advanced was Twelve Hundred Dollars, and the Sum expended [117] Twelve Hundred & Eighty Three Dollars Ninety four cents, leaving a Balance due to the Chairman of Eighty Three Dollars Ninety four cents, for which a Warrant was presented this evening—which Report was approved.

The Comptroller presented a Report, stating that the state of the Treasury would admit of discharging a part of the Debt due by the Corporation, and he proposed discharging a Bond to the Mechanic's's

Bank of Eleven Thousand Dollars, for which purpose a Warrant was presented this evening—which was approved and the Warrant directed to issue.

A Memorial of Thomas Addis Emmett President and the other Officers of the Irish Emigrant Society, praying the countenance of the Corporation to a Memorial about to be presented by them to Congress for the Grant of a Tract of Land for the settlement of Irish Emigrants was read and referred to Mr. Recorder: Mr. Allen: Alderman Coles.

[118] A Petition of John Thurston, for Remission of Fine incurred by Selling Poultry in the vicinity of Fly Market, was read and referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to the legality of the Ordinance on that subject.

Petitions—from William Patterson, for remission of fine incurred under Street Law: from Daniel Mott and Francis O. Neale, for remission of fine under Market Law: and from Stephen P. Laune, for remission of fine incurred by Sifting Lime in the Streets—were read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petitions.

A Petition of Edward Doughty, City Surveyor, for payment for Surveying and Maps for 10th Ward—was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Petition of Joanna Bayard, for Remission of Fine for Selling in the Market with Measures made of Tin—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John W. Weyman, for [119] payment of sundry Repairs made in the Room occupied by him as Clerk of the Sessions and of other expences incurred in the arrangement of said office—was read & referred to Committee of Repairs.

The Commissioners of Estimate & Expence on the Improvement of Henry, Cross and Anthony Streets requested that they might, agreeably to the Statute in that case made and provided, be furnished with a Profile of the said Streets—whereupon the same was referred to the Street Commissioner to furnish the requisite profiles.

A Representation of the Grand Jury, addressed to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and by their request to be laid before the Common Council, on several subjects respecting the Police of the City, was presented by his Honor the Mayor and, having been read, was referred to Aldermen Smith: Brackett: Coles: Buckmaster: Mr. Schieffelin: and The Counsel.
with authority to the Mayor to publish the same.

[120] A Petition of Edward C. Priest and others, proposing the

establishment of a Fire Company to be termed a Fire Guard, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Simonson, for a Stall in Catharine Market or Centre Market: a Petition of Hassel Wheeler, for Stall No. 57 Fly Market: one of Jacob Pessinger, for Stall No. 41 Catharine Market: and one of John Someryndyck, to Sell meat at the Corner of Duane and Augustus Street—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against certain parts of the Improvements proposed to be made in Roosevelt Street, was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 1st Ward, praying that the Permits heretofore granted to Two Butchers at the foot of Broad Street may be continued: and Petitions of John Ackley and [121] of Stephen Doane that Permits heretofore granted to them may be continued—were severally read and laid on the Table—and it was ordered that the Suit against Peter Crawbuck be suspended.

A Petition of James Lyels, for Remission of Fine under the Market Law, was read and granted.

Upon the verbal Representation by the Attorney of the case of William Martine confined on Judgment recovered against him for Selling Liquor without License, it was referred to the Attorney, with authority to relieve him on payment of costs.

A Petition of Thomson Price, Contractor for the Mason work of the Fence around the Park, praying Remuneration for additional expences incurred by the Insolvency of one with whom he had made a Contract for Materials and had advanced a sum thereon—was read, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[122] A Remonstrance, from the Licenser of Chimney Sweepers, against any alteration in the Law Regulating Chimney Sweepers—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject:—to wit Van Amringe: Holmes: and Remmy.

A Petition, that the Law respecting Hogs may be Repealed, was read and referred to the following Aldermen Brackett: Burtis: Coles: Smith: and Buckmaster.

A Communication was received from the Reverend John Stanford being an address to Parents on the subject of certain dangerous amusements of the youth of this City—which was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Laws.

Upon the representation of the Street Commissioner, John Targee was appointed [123] Assessor in the Ordinance for Regulating Wash-

ington Street, passed 6th November 1816, in place of James H. Guion removed into the country.

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented a Law to amend the Law to Regulate the Public Markets, which was read and passed.

The Counsel presented a Lease to William Cutting for Lot No. 17 at Brooklyn, which was directed to be duly executed—He also requested permission to strike out the words "Last part" from another lease to Mr. Cutting and to insert the word "instant"—which was directed to be done.

He also presented a Report (respecting a Deed from the Crugers) to wit

"The Counsel herewith submits a Deed from Bertram P. Cruger and Wife, Henry N. Cruger and Wife, and Nicholas Cruger and Wife for so much of the Road leading to the Hurl Gate Ferry as belonged to the Cruger Estate. This property has recently been sold in pursuance of an Order of the Supreme [124] Court and was purchased by the above-mentioned persons who now give a Warranty Deed for the same and also covenant to save the Corporation harmless from all demands from the heirs or deviser[e]s of the late Nicholas Cruger or of any persons claiming under or thro' them for or on account of or in any measure appertaining to the said premises or any part thereof.

"Four Fifths of the Ground conveyed was long since taken by the Corporation in pursuance of a law of the State, but was not paid for. Some doubts are entertained as to the regularity of the proceedings in the Supreme Court by virtue of which it was sold as aforesaid.

"But as it would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain a more perfect title, and as the Grantors are understood to be wealthy men, the Counsel is of opinion that the Board can with safety accept their deed."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which Report was approved, and the Deed accepted.

[125] The Counsel, also, on the Petition of Richard P. Lawrence, which had been referred to him, Reported as follows:

"That he is satisfied that the Statements therein contained are true. That he has consulted the late Counsel of the Board, who conducted the suit against Mr. Lawrence, and that he is of opinion that if Mr. Lawrence pays the costs of the proceedings against him that it would be proper to remit the penalty.

"Under these circumstances, and as it appears to the Counsel that the violation of the Law was not wilful on the part of the petitioner, and as the costs are sufficiently heavy as the suit was commenced in

the Supreme Court, he is of opinion that it is proper that the penalty should be remitted on paying the Costs."

Respectfully Submitted

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which was approved and the Penalty Remitted on payment of Costs.

[126] The Counsel, on the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the claim of Abijah Hammond to the Earth in certain Streets in Greenwich Village, reported as follows:

"That by the common Law the owner of the ground over which a high way is run is entitled to the earth and all the fixtures upon it, and can maintain an Action of Trespass against any person who shall remove them—But by a Statute of this State it is made lawful for the Corporation "To cause Common Sewers, drains or vaults to be made in any part of the City and to order and direct the altering and amending of any Street within this City." If therefore the roads or ways in question are to be considered as Streets, the Corporation has a right to regulate them. As to such of the roads or ways in question, as Mr. Hammond has sold the whole of his property bordering upon, and has bounded it in his deeds upon those ways and designated them as Streets, (which is said to be the case upon Hammond Street.) The Counsel is of opinion that Mr. Hammond would [127] be estopped from pleading that they were not streets—The Counsel is also of opinion that he would also be estopped from pleading that such of the said ways or Roads were not Streets, as he has sold property upon, and bounded it upon them as Streets, provided there was no other way to it—As to these therefore the Counsel is of opinion that the Corporation have a right to order the altering, amending, &c. in pursuance of the Statute.

"The Counsel thinks it proper that he should state that he has not been able to find any decision bearing directly upon this subject, but is led to this opinion from what he conceives to be the operation of general principles. The question however is one of too much importance to the Inhabitants of this City, to be voluntarily relinquished. He therefore respectfully recommends that the Street Commissioner be instructed to proceed with the regulation of such streets as Mr. Hammond has sold property upon and bounded it upon such Street, provided such property is not accessible from any other Street."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

[128] which Report was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to take measures accordingly.

The Counsel also presented a Lease to Samuel Evans for a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street to Little Street on Long Island—which was laid for consideration.

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others, presented a Report—which was referred back to said Committee for further consideration.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Ewing praying to be appointed a City Surveyor, reported in favor of the Petitioner, and he was accordingly appointed.

The City Inspector presented sundry Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:—

J. Baker	Own. & Occ.	7.	Chapel St.	Privy.
A. Riker	do. do.	9.	do.	do.
W. Dusenberry	do. do.	11.	do.	do.
S. Elder	do. do.	13.	do.	do.
[129] J. McGowan	do. do.	15	do.	do.
W. Sickles Jno. Meyers	Own. Occ.	19.	do.	do.
W. Sickles A. Wender	Own. Occ.	21.	do.	do.
S. Parrot W. McLean	Own. Occ.	23.	do.	do.
Hy Carpenter,	Own. & Occ.	25.	do.	do.
J. Stephens M. Hart	Own. Occ.	35.	do.	do.
J. Herring E. Azents	Own. Occ.	39.	do.	do.
E. Anderson,	Own. &. Occ.	41.	do.	do.
E. Brain E. Carey	Own. Occ.	43.	do.	do.
J. Lourbieu	Own. &. Occ.	47.	do.	do.
A. Crum D. Hardman	Own. Occ.	57.	do.	do.
J. Stephens D. Wilkins	Own. Occ.	64.	Warren St.	do.
A. Hagerman C. Hile	Agent. Occ.	69.	Chapel St.	do.
A. Hagerman R. Kirby	Agt. Occ.	71.	do.	do.

A. Hagerman	Agt.	73.	Chapel St.	Privy.
A. Berry	Occ.			
R. Kidney,	Own. & Occ.	79.	do.	do.
[130] R. Kidney	Own.	75.	do.	do.
H. Devere	Occ.			
R. Kidney	Own.	77.	do.	do.
Mr. Denham	Occ.			
W. Perkins	Own.	85.	do.	do.
Mrs. Cox & Mrs. Lane	Occ.			
W. Perkins	Own.	83.	do.	do.
J. Van Riper	Occ.			
J. Strong	Own.		do.	do.
Cesar Nelson	Occ.			
C. Debevoise	Own.	95.	do.	do.
Mrs. Van Blarcom	Occ.			
Wm Kinch,	Own. & Occ.	Chapel	c. Thomas.	do.
F. Wortendyke	Own.	do.	c. Franklin.	do.
J. Martin	Occ.			
P. Schermerhorn	Own.	do.	c. Walker.	do.
H. Fountaine	Occ.			
J. Morse	Own.	153.	Chapel St.	do.
B. Bennet	Occ.			
J. Morse	Own.	155.	do.	do.
W. Vanbeuren	Occ.			
J. Morse	Own.	Chapel	c. Walker.	do.
E. Chapin	Occ.			
T. A. Thompson,	Lessee & Occ.		Chapel St	do.
Geo. Weeks	Own. & do.	Chapel	c. White.	do.
Mr. Degroot	Own.	105.	Chapel St.	do.
P. Bertine & J. Kiney,	Occ.			
[131] A. Day	Own.	109.	do.	do.
T. Bannen	Occ.			
Ml Norris	Own. & Occ.	111.	do.	do.
Rob. Dickey	Own.	112.	do.	do.
J. Board	Occ.			
Rob. Dickey	Own.	114.	do.	do.
E. Van Aulen	Occ.			
Thos. Heath	Own. & Occ.	115.	do.	do.
Rob. Dickey	Own.	116.	do.	do.
Jas. Murray	Occ.			

J. Morse	Own.	127.	Chapel St.	Privy.
Mrs. Browne	Occ.			
Jas. Dixon	Own. & Occ.	140.	do.	do.
J. Morse	Own.	157.	do.	do.
Mrs. Isaacs	Occ.			
Gibson & Davis	Own.	Chapel c. Murray.		do.
W^m^ Purcells	Occ.			
Gilbert Rich	Own. & Occ.	do.	c. Thomas.	do.
Sam. Paxton	Own.	44.	Chapel St.	do.
L. Mistier	Occ.			
Mrs. H. Clinton,	Own.		Cherry St.	do.
John Bingham,	do.		do.	do.
J. & J. Watkins	Own.	16.	Chapel St.	do.
A. *Rhan* [Rand]	Occ.			
J. & J. Watkins	Own.	18.	do.	do.
C. Forbes	Occ.			
W^m^ Sickles	Own. & Occ.	20.	do.	do.
[132] T. & J. Swords	Agts.	22.	do.	do.
Mrs. Barker	Occ.			
T. & J. Swords	Agts.	24.	do.	do.
M. Anderson	Occ.			
G. White	Lessee.	36.	do.	do.
H. Davis	Occ.			
G. White	Lessee.	38.	do.	do.
A. Martin	Occ.			
G. White	Lessee.	40.	do.	do.
J. Robinson	Occ.			
L. Morey	Own. & Occ.	56.	do.	do.
J. R. Livingston	Own.	72.	do.	do.
J. Hatsburger	Occ.			
J. Van Horn	Own. & Occ.	76.	do.	do.
P. Ogden	do. do.	80.	do.	do.
J. Pool	Own.	82.	do.	do.
E. Haines	Occ.			
J. Montanye	Own. & Occ.	90.	do.	do.
C. Fechan	do. do.	94.	do.	do.
S. Baxter	Own.	96.	do.	do.
T. Wilson	Occ.			
S. Baxter	Own.	98.	do.	do.
C. Butler	Occ.			
J. C. Teale	Own. & Occ.	92.	Chapel St.	do.

R. M. Livingston	Own.	Vestry c. Lawrence.	Lot.
R. Dickey J. Lovet	Own. Occ.	1. Varick St.	Privy.
[133] R. Dickey Mrs. Castine	Own. Occ.	3. do.	do.
R. Dickey J. Moses	Own. Occ.	5. do.	do.
R. Dickey J. Miller	Own. Occ.	7. do.	do.
B. Robinson Esqr	Agt.	Orange St.	Lot.

(sign'd) George Cuming.
City Inspector.

which Ordinances. were passed.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of the Executors of Jonathan Dixon deceased, Reported as follows:

"That they have duly considered the subject, and, from the information they have obtained, they are decidedly of opinion, that the said Gore has always been a part of the Street—and was so considered by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening and improving Orange Street.

"They would therefore recommend that the Common Council confirm and determine that the Line of Buildings on the North Easterly Side of Orange Street [134] between Chatham and Cross Street be and remain the line of Orange Street."

(Signed) E. Holmes:
John Remmy:
Jno. McComb

Which was agreed to.

The same Committee & Alderman of the 1st Ward, on the petition for widening a certain Alley between Water and Front Sts. reported that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the petition.

Which was agreed to

(signed) E. Holms:
J. Remmy:
J. B. Coles:
J. McComb St. Comr

The Committee on the petition of Stephen Huestis presented a Report, in favor of the Petitioner. (A Remonstrance against the appointment of another Weigh-Master at that place was presented and

read) Whereupon the Report of the Committee and the Remonstrance were directed to lie for further consideration.

The City Inspector, to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the alteration of the 4th and 5th Wood Inspection Districts, reported:

"That upon examination he finds that the East Side of New Slip, now forming a part of the Fifth District, is in a great measure deprived of the advantage of an Inspector, from the constant attendance of the Inspectors of said District [135] being required at Peck Slip, in said Fifth District: hence they seldom ascend the River above Dover Street Wharf.

"The City Inspector would therefore recommend that the Fourth District should terminate at Dover Street Wharf, including the East Side of said Wharf, instead of New Slip, as the Regulation now stands.

"This Measure, if adopted, will ensure a more regular Report of Firewood at the Office; one very desirable, and which, it is to be hoped, will be attended with future advantage to the public.

"Connected with the subject of Fire wood Reports, the City Inspector has to regret that Israel Wood, Inspector of Wood of the Fourteenth District, has never made any reports at his Office. The few reports he received, from a part of the said Fourteenth District, were handed to him by John Guest, who gave in the Reports of all the Fire wood he inspected for the said Israel Wood: and farther it is but just to state, that the said John Guest, [136] upon application made to him, reported the Firewood he inspected from the 1st of January 1816 to his removal from office the June following: all the other removed Inspectors having refused to follow his correct example."

(sign'd) George Cuming,
Cit. Inspector.

which was approved, and he was directed to give notice to the several Inspectors, Measurers &c. directed by Law to report to him, that a punctual compliance with the requisitions of the law was expected from them.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Samuel Tooker and others, reported the following Recommendation:

"That the Corporation, by their Counsel, execute to the Applicants a Lease of Lots Nos. 18, 19 and 20 in Duane Street, or any two of them, for the purpose of erecting a Church or for other purposes, for 21 years from the 1st day of May next at the yearly rent of One Hundred and twenty Dollars for each Lot—provided the old Leases

granted by this Board are [137] first cancelled, and provided also that this arrangement be completed before the 1st day of March next, and not otherwise."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
" Reuben Munson:
" Samuel Akerly.

which Recommendation was approved.

The Committee on the Petition of Peter H. Schenck, as noticed in the Statement of David S. Jones Esqr. late Counsel of the Board, reported:—

" That they conceive the Statement of the late Counsel to be correct—and that the said Peter H. Schenck is entitled to the Balance or difference of the Two sums mentioned in the said Statement, with Interest from the twenty first day of November last—and your Committee also approve of the Release, drawn by the said late Counsel, agreeable to the report of the Commissioners for opening the said Street—and recommend the following Resolutions:—

" Resolved—that the Comptroller, [138] at the next meeting of the Board, bring in a Warrant in favor of Peter H. Schenck, for the Balance & Interest above referred to.

" Resolved—that the Board execute, to the said Peter H. Schenck, the Release which was prepared by the late Counsel of the Board, and which accompanied his Statement."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett:
" Samuel Stevens:
" Effingham Schieffelin.

which Report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report the Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Robert Latimer, presented a Report which was referred back to the same Committee and the Counsel. They also presented the following Resolution:—

" Resolved—that in future, in all Contracts to be entered into by this Board, the person or persons who may so contract shall not be permitted to commence said work, until the necessary security be given and approved of."

which Resolution was agreed to.

[139] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of the Lots at Varick Basin, together with a Map of the ground—which were laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee, to whom it was referred to consider the subject of receiving Rent from Butchers' Stalls, presented a Report which was laid for consideration.

Resolved—that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state of the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council, and report to this Board whether any and what alterations should be made therein —which was referred to—Alderman Smith: Mr. Stevens: Mr. Allen.

The following Resolution was presented:

"Resolved that his Honor the Mayor appoint another member to supply the place of Assistant Alderman Stone in the Road and Alms House Committee, Mr. Stone having left the City and not [140] expecting to return for some time to come"—which was agreed to, and Mr. Akerly appointed.

A Resolution, directing the Superintendant of Repairs to Number the Pumps anew, and to put up the usual number of Sign Boards, was presented & agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 8th ins	$.17,725.57	
Received for Tax for 1817	2,500.00	
" " Streets	2,442.59	
" " First Street	700.00	
" " Canal Street	2,000.00	25,368.16

27 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1 Dist	1,118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do. 2d do.	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do. 3d do.	413.00
Jno. M. Devoy, Repairg Watch-caps, 1st and 2d District	22.87
Ogden Edwards, 1 Quarter's Salary, Counsel—27 November	125.00
Philip Becanon, Inspect. of Bread, 1 Quarter, 10th inst	95.90
[141] Thos. R. Smith, Chairman of committee President's Vist Balce	83.94
E. McLaughlin, ammunition for Troops, 25 November	28.21
Wm T. Slocum, for registerg 11 Deeds &c	21.00
Jno. Sidell, to pay Officers attending Hall, 25 Nov	18.00
Jno. McComb, St. Commr for Attorney's, Commrs & Court expces opng Collect, Walker, Pump and Rynder Streets	420.42
Chs. Mooney, pvg Broad Way, from Pearl S. to Leonard St.	400.00
Abrahm Stagg, pvg Orange St. from Chatham S. to Bayard S.	200.00
Rich. Moran, paving Intersections Streets	9.66
Jno. McComb, St. Commr for Attorney's, Commrs & Court expences opening First Street	577.86
Jac. P. Roome, Supdt Repairs, Repairs of Docks & Slips	3,936.05
Mechanics' Bank, Bond and Interest	11,352.91

[142] J. B. Coles Esqr.	Attends Sessions	Sept. 12 days..	48.00	
J. W. Brackett Esq.	do.	Sept. 12 days..	48.00	
A. L. Underhill Esq.	do.	Oct. 12 days...	48.00	
E. Holmes Esqr.	do.	Oct. 12 days...	48.00	
T. R. Smith Esq.	do	June 12-Nov. 12	96.00	
R. McQueen Esq.	do	June 12-Nov. 12	96.00	
G. Buckmaster Esq.	do	July 12	48.00	
A. Burtis Esqr.	do	July 12-Dec. 12	96.00	
Geo. Thorp Esq.	do	Aug. 12-Dec. 12	96.00	
R. Munson Esq.	do	Aug. 12	48.00	20,177.57
			Balance	$5,190.59

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[143] In Common Council: December 22. 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Jones:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Samuel Stevens:
Thos. R. Smith:	Leonard Kip:
Eldad Holmes:	W. F. Van Amringe:
Geo. Buckmaster:	John Remmy:
Arthur Burtis:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. B. Thorp:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Reuben Munson.	Effingham Schieffelin:
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well and Pump, at the corner of Columbia and Broome Streets, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance.

A Petition from the Inhabitants in [144] William Street that Lamps may be placed as heretofore between Wall and Pearl Streets, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Frederick C. Havemeyer, stating that he has lately become the purchaser of ten acres, part of a lot of 50 acres late the property of Hyder Somerindyck—that there is an arrear of Tax due on said Lot of 50 acres—and praying to be permitted to pay the Tax of his proportion of said lot—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Recommendation in favor of a remission of a penalty incurred by Matthew McAnally under the Market Law, was read and referred

to the Aldermen of the 3d Ward and Attorney with authority to remit.

A Petition of David Steenburgh Junior, for Remission of Fine for not complying with an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance was read and granted on payment of Costs.

[145] A Petition of Thomas Hazard Junior was presented, stating that he carries on the Whale Fishery from this city—that he has established a Manufactory for Spermaceti candles in this City—that in that Manufactory it is necessary to expose the Material to the operation of severe cold—That he therefore requests permission to erect an Iron Railing 6 feet high, on the East Side of his Premises at Peck Slip, projecting into the Street about 5 feet—which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Higgins, for Remission of Penalty under the Tavern Law, was read and granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of Michael Nangle, for Remission of Fine incurred under the Law respecting Hawkers & Pedlars was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Elizabeth Drake, for the Payment of a Sum due to her for Nursing a child placed with her by the Committee of the Alms House, was read [146] and referred to the Committee of the Alms House.

A Recommendation of John A. Baisley for the obtaining of a Butcher's Stall in the Centre Market was referred to the Market Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Building a Cistern in front of St. Stephen's Church—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to order, presented Profiles of Anthony Street between Orange and Collect Streets and of Cross Street between Pearl and Little Water Streets, in order to lay them before the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment—whereupon the said Profiles were confirmed.

The Committee on the Petition of Silvanus Miller, presented a Report—which was read and laid on the Table.

[147] The Committee of Applications and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Edward Bridges for the appointment of a City Surveyor, reported in his favor—which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances: to wit—

Alexander Banks,	Lessee	7	Cherry St.	Privy.
Thos. T. Woodruff,	Own. & Occ.	10	North Moore St.	do.
Jas. Butler E. Hampton	Lessee. Occ.	28	Park	do.
Jas. Butler E. Hampton	Lessee. Occ.		do.	Lot.
Jno. W. Wyman	Lessee.	147	Water St.	Privy.
J. Titus A. & S. Willets	Own. Occ.	60	Cliff St.	do.
J. Farrend C. Starr	Own. Occ.	9	Varick St.	do.
A. Vandenburg,	Own. & Occ.	14	North Moore S.	do.
S. Delamater T. Bazen	Own. Occ.	15	do.	do.
S. Delamater J. Lefort	Own. Occ.	17	do.	do.
G. Verplanck G. Morgan	Own. Occ.	32	do.	do.
[148] A. Bennett M. Jarvis	Own. Occ.	36	do.	do.
J. Tallman,	Own. & Occ.	42	do.	do.
M. Campbell,	do. do.	55	do.	do.
Pr Devoe,	do. do.	57	do.	do.
J. Bertine S. Van Antwerp	Own. Occ.	59.	do.	do.
J. Bertine Jno. Scudder	Own. Occ.	61.	do.	do.
J. Lane,	Lessee & Occ.	64	do.	do.
Wm Busse	Own. & Occ.	65	do.	do.
C. Mabie	do. do.	67	do.	do.
E. Anderson N. Woodruff	Own. Occ.	68	do.	do.
E. Anderson P. Van Blarcom	Own. Occ.	66	do.	do.
G. Van Dolston,	Own. & Occ.	70.	do.	do.
S. Crane	do. do.	72	do.	do.

(sign'd) George Cuming,
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips, the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the Petition of Fred. De Peyster, reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration, and find (as the Petitioner [149] represents) that in compliance with his request a Water Grant was tendered him by the Corporation in the year 1814 on certain conditions, and which your Committee are informed the Petitioner declined accepting on the terms therein mentioned.

"Your Committee are of opinion, that the Corporation are not bound now to grant the request of the Petitioner after a lapse of near three years—and particularly after refusing at the time to comply with the terms then specified.

"Your Committee have also taken into view the lively interest that our Citizens take in preserving the Battery Grounds free from any obstructions that would impair the beautiful prospects up and down the Hudson River which they have long enjoyed uninterrupted, and your Committee believe that should this grant be given to the Petitioner and buildings erected thereon, it would have the tendency so much deprecated by the public:—

"and therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted [150] for the reasons aforesaid, and that the Water petitioned for be reserved by the Corporation for such purposes as may hereafter be required to beautify and ornament that part of our City."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill:
" Eldad Holmes:
" G. Buckmaster:
" Jno. M^cComb,
Street Comm^r
" G. N. Bleecker, Compt^r

which Report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Counsel, on the Communication of Thomas Addis Emmett, as agent for Mr Mullanphy, respecting the Pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street leased by the Executors of Jacob Wilkins deceased, reported:—

"That all the interest of Jacob Wilkins in this pier was mortgaged by him to the Eagle Fire Company, which mortgage has been foreclosed, and the property purchased in at a Sale under a decree of the Court of Chancery by a Mr. Mullanphy who of course is now entitled to all the interest which Jacob Wilkins had in the premises at the time he executed the Mortgage. Mr. Mullanphy now offers the premises to the Corporation upon the same terms which they [151]

hold them from the Executors, of the will of Jacob Wilkins, excepting that he requires a relinquishment of all right to call upon him for any portion of the rent in arrears. The undersigned are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Corporation to accept of his proposition, excepting so far as relates to the relinquishment of rent, & that a sum equal to the proportion now due from him for rent should be paid to him: as a relinquishment of the right to demand rent from the owner of a part of the premises might operate as a relinquishment of the whole rent in arrear."

(sign'd) O. Edwards.
G. N. Bleecker
Jno. M^cComb

referred to the Committee of Finance, Counsel, Comptroller, & Street Commissioner, with authority to adopt.

The Committee of Defence, on the subject of the claim of the Corporation against the United States, reported:—

"That, in pursuance of the Resolution passed on the 8th instant empowering them to take such measures as may be deemed most expedient to obtain from the Government of the United States a balance due for expenditures during the late war, they have appointed Alderman Smith and Ogden Edwards Esqr. to proceed to Washington for this purpose.

"This balance, amounting to upwards of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars, arises from damages done to the lands of [152] individuals in the erection of works of defence in the year 1814, and has been paid by this Board in consequence of awards regularly made. The property was taken possession of by order and under the direction of General Swift, the Chief Engineer of the United States, and then on this Station.

"The justice of our claims, the present harmonious disposition of the National Legislature, and the flourishing state of the Treasury afford every reason to believe that a speedy settlement of this account may be expected.

"The Committee recommend that his Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish the above gentlemen with the necessary document of their being the Agents of this Corporation."

(sign'd) W. F. Van Amringe:
" John B. Coles:
" G. Buckmaster.

which Report was approved.

The Counsel presented a Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels in the North and East Rivers—which was read and [153] referred back to the Counsel for further consideration.

The Counsel also presented a Communication on the subject of a Surrender of a Water Grant by James Striker and his Wife—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves and Comptroller.

The Counsel also presented a Grant to Joshua Jones for a Water Lot between Dover and Roosevelt Streets on the East River—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Lease to Samuel Evans for a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street to Little Street on Long Island presented by the Counsel at the last Meeting and laid on the Table—was called up, approved and ordered to be duly executed.

The Counsel also presented a Quit Claim Deed from the Corporation to the State of New York for the ground on the West Side of the State Prison—which was approved and directed to be duly executed.

[154] The Committee, on the subject of Chimney Sweepers, presented a Report and an Ordinance in conformity therewith—which were read and laid for consideration—and 50 Copies directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee on Public Lands & places, on the Petition of William Coulthard and others respecting their lands lying within the Bounds of the Military Parade, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

Mr. Schieffelin presented a Resolution on the same subject—which was also read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Coles presented the following Resolution:—to wit—

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause to be made a Map of the ground called the Military Parade, together with the blocks of ground bordering thereon—and that the Proprietors of all ground embraced in said Map be so designated as to present the quantity belonging to each—and when com- [155] pleted to lay the same before the Board."

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, reported, as follows, respecting a Team Boat on Brooklyn Ferry; to wit,

"That the Charter of the City of New York authorizes the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to establish Ferries to and from the city of New York, and to regulate the same

"And whereas all the Ferries to and from the said City have been established and regulated by the said Corporation, except the Two Ferries to Brooklyn, respecting which the Legislature have passed certain laws regulating the same—and the said Laws so passed by the Legislature have never been fully enforced, in consequence of their being inapplicable to the state and situation of the said Ferries—and that since the establishment of a Steam Boat on the old Ferry, and a Team Boat on the New Ferry, the said Acts of the Legislature have become still further inapplicable to the said Ferries and to the [156] convenience of the Passengers

"The Corporation of the City of New York, to whom the regulating of the said Ferries of right belongs, have a more immediate interest in the good regulation of the same, and can always adapt the regulations of said ferries to the existing state of things.

"The Lessees of the Old Ferry have offered to your Committee to put a Team Boat on the said Old Ferry, large enough to take horses, carriages and freight over the said ferry, in addition to the Steam Boat now used thereon, and to run the said Team Boat of Evenings during the whole of the Regular Ferry Hours—provided the Corporation will permit them by law to receive the same price for passengers in such Team Boat as they are now allowed to receive in the Steam Boat—and that they will also keep on the said ferry such number of Barges and of such dimensions as shall be directed by the Corporation.

"And your Committee conceive that such Team Boat, to be run during the [157] whole Ferry hours, would be a much greater accommodation to the public than the additional Steam Boat for freight and passengers only, which the said Lessees are bound by their lease (at a future day) to put on the said ferry.

"Your Committee would therefore recommend

"1st That the Corporation pass a Resolution authorizing the Counsellor of the Board to agree with the Lessees of the said Ferry to have an Indorsement entered on their said Lease, authorizing the said Lessees to put such Team Boat on the said Ferry instead of the said additional Steam Boat mentioned therein—provided that such Team Boat be put in operation by the first day of June next, and to be so constructed as to give the same accommodation as the present Steam Boat

"2d That the Board apply to the Legislature to repeal the Laws regulating the said ferries to Brooklyn, investing the right in the Corporation to regulate the same, and allowing the same Fare for the

Team Boat over [158] the said Ferry as is now allowed to the Steam Boat"

(sign'd) Geo. Buckmaster:
" Eldad Holmes.

Which Report was approved, (excepting the Second Resolution recommended, which was laid for consideration.)

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution respecting the President's Portrait, as follows:

"Resolved that the Committee appointed in May last to request the President of the United States, among other things, to honor the Corporation by sitting for his Portrait, take measures to carry this intention into effect: and that Mr. John Vanderlyn, a well known American Artist, be employed for this purpose under the direction of the same Committee."

which Resolution was agreed to

The Chief Engineer presented the following Report, (accompanied by the Return therein mentioned)—to wit:

"That having completed his annual visitation throughout the Fire Department, and carefully inspected the various branches thereof, he herewith presents his general return, with the names of the Engin-[159]eers, Foremen and Firemen belonging to the respective Fire Companies (when full) with their places of abode, occupation, &c. as also the places of deposit of the several Fire Machines—& also the names, occupation & places of abode of the Fire Wardens, except those of the 4th, 6th & 8th wards, from whom he has received no returns."

"That situations are immediately wanted for Houses for Engines Nos. 7 & 12, and that there are several other Engine Houses that must necessarily be removed in the course of next year, & that the Floating Engine house is in a very decayed situation, & will require either a new house or very considerable Repairs."

(sign'd) Th. Franklin, Chief Engineer.

Resolved—that the Comptroller, under direction of the Market Committee, be authorized to lease at auction from the present time to the 1st day of May 1819 the Cellars under the Centre Market.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution respecting alien Passengers: to wit

"Resolved—that hereafter, on the arrival of any vessel at this port with alien passengers, his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to leave it at the option of the Captain or Consignee of

such vessel either to bond in the usual way for securing the City against such aliens' becoming chargeable thereon, or of paying the sum of Five Dollars in lieu [160] of said bond for each alien so arriving—Provided, however, if in the opinion of his Honor the Mayor, the said option shall in any case operate injurious to the public interest, bonds shall be insisted on with the necessary sureties.

"Resolved—that all monies so received be paid to the Chamberlain and be appropriated to the use of the foreign poor, and that the Comptroller render quarterly to the Corporation a statement thereof"

which were agreed to.

The Second and Third Resolutions of the Police Committee, on Compensation to be made to Constables, Marshalls, &c. which were laid for consideration on the 17th of November last, were called up and read as follows:

"2d Resolved—that every Watchman who shall attend Court on a subpœna, as required by the District Attorney, in consequence of his so being a Watchman, shall be allowed in all cases of felony two dollars for each case in which he shall so attend: and that such accounts shall be presented to the Comptroller [161] by the Clerk of the Sessions properly authenticated by him, in order that a Warrant may issue for payment thereof.

"3d Resolved—that Marshalls, when not attached to the Court, and Constables shall be allowed One Dollar each for their attendance on subpœna as Witnesses in cases of Felony, for every case in which they shall so attend as required by the District Attorney."

and, on being read, were agreed to.

The following Resolution, which was laid for consideration on the 1st instant, was called up and agreed to:

"Resolved—that all Salaries granted by this Corporation shall in future be paid by Warrant to be presented to the Board in the usual manner for approbation."

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 15th inst	$5,190.59	
Received for Rents	2,118.05	
" " Mayoralty Fees	99.75	
" " Streets	7,500.00	
" " Canal Street	500.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	340.00	15,748.39

[162] 16 Accounts Audited.

J. Fine—Carriage h. Alms H. & Road Com	$24.00
Bartholemew & Baldwin, in full, for building Centre Market	1,740.19

N. & H. Weed—1 Qr's Rent Wharf Courtlandt Street—1st August	75.00	
R. Munson Esq. 19 Casks Oil bought of M. Crosby	1,393.20	
R. Munson Esq. 4 Casks Oil bought of Fish & Grinnell	187.60	
Gerardus Kuyper—Int. on Defence Loan Bond 16 Oct. 1817	630.00	
Gid. Tucker—Balce Cistern in Forsythe near Broome Street	442.25	
B. Hatfield—Well, Cherry St	50.00	
P. H. Schenck—Balce Award for Maiden Lane, and Interest	6,849.35	
J. Pinkerton—Pavg & Matrls—City Hall	253.47	
Jas. Meghan—balce pavg Broad Way	246.90	
Jno. Culbert, paving Oliver St	100.00	
H. Smith—paving intersection of Bayard & Mulberry Streets	45.00	
Pet. Passell—drain, Perry St	45.00	
Th. R. Smith—Treasr Board Health	250.00	
Rich. Furman—Supdt Alms House	3000.00	15,331.96
	Balance	$416.43

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[163] In Common Council: December 29. 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jno. B. Coles:	Samuel Jones Jr.
A. L. Underhill:	Samuel Stevens:
Eldad Holmes:	W. F. Van Amringe:
Thos. R. Smith:	John Remmy:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Samuel Akerly:
Arthur Burtis:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Geo. B. Thorp:	Effing. Schieffelin:
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Joseph Homer, offering to contract for furnishing Iron Railings around the Public Grounds, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Recommendation in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Industry to the patronage of the Corporation, from [164] a number of Citizens, was read and referred to—Aldermen Buckmaster: Holmes: Messieurs Stevens: Van Amringe: Akerly

A Request of Benjamin Ferris Esqr. Clerk of the City and County, for additional accommodations in his Office, was read and referred to the Committee of Repairs.

Petitions from the following persons:—from Peter P. Roome for Stall No. 22 Greenwich Market: Caleb Conklin for Stall No. 22 Fly Market: and Thomas Place to sell meat at No. 166 Division Street—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Caleb Mudge for Remission of Penalty incurred under the Ordinance respecting the taking of earth from the streets—was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that Dover Street may be widened, was read [165] and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Jabez Thompson, stating that in April or May last he entered into a Bond to secure and save harmless the Corporation for payment of an award to Thomas Nash for opening North Street until a Power could be obtained from said Nash for payment of Same—that he now presented a power from said Nash, which had been approved by the Counsel—He therefore requested his bond might be cancelled—whereupon, it was ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller with authority to cancel the Bond.

A Petition of Messrs. Collins, M^{c}Donald and Henry, to be allowed for the Materials of a Well at the junction of Cherry and Pearl Streets, the ground of which they had purchased—was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Memorial from Hannah Towers, stating that she is Devisee for life (being [166] now 77 years of age,) of Lots Nos. 25 and 27 Cherry Street assessed for improvements in opening the Square at the intersection of Pearl and Cherry Streets for the sum of $303—that, as the Assessment and Improvement are for the advantage of the Reversioner, she prays that said Assessment may remain on interest as a Lien on the Property—which petition was ordered to be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th Ward, the Counsel and Street Commissioner.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants, requesting the sanction of the Common Council to an Application to the Legislature by the Grocers of the City requesting that the appointment of the Inspectors of domestic Spirits in this City may be made by the Corporation—was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of applications to the legislature.

A Complaint of the Inhabitants of Chrystie Street that the House No. 75 in said street encroaches on the Street, and praying that it may be removed to the line of said Street [167] was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Waring, praying Remission of a Fine under the Market Law, and a Remonstrance of Isaac Auld, City Measurer, against granting the prayer of Petitioner, were read and referred to Aldermen Holmes: Munson: and Underhill.

A Petition of Samuel Tooker and Isaac Pierson, declining to accept of the Lease of the Lots in Augustus Street upon the terms proposed by the Report of the Committee, and praying an Extension of the present Lease for Eight years upon the Rent at present reserved—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Peter Crawbuck, Butcher, praying that, agreeably to the prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Whitehall, he may be permitted to continue to sell Meat at his Stall at the corner of Broad and Front [168] Streets—was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

A Petition of R. Bowne, Lessee of Catharine-Slip Ferry was received, stating that in April last he had presented a Petition requesting on certain terms by him proposed an Extension of the period of his Lease—that the Committee to whom the Petition had been referred reported thereon favorably to Petitioner, but the Board had not yet acted upon it—He therefore prayed the Board to consider and determine on the same—Whereupon the said petition together with the Report of the former Committee were referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Perry Street for a Well and Pump in said Street near Herring Street—was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment [169] for altering Provost Street—whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Paving White Street from Broad Way to Elm Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Profile of Henry Street, as directed by the Board, for the Commissioners of Estimate on improving and opening said Street—which Profile was approved and confirmed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies,)—to wit

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Hugh Munro, Mercht—5 Varick St. 5th Ward—vice Uriah Halsey, Resigned.

Phin. P. Carman, Mercht—45 Beaver St. 1st Ward—vice Daniel Hasbrook, Resign'd.

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Abr. Vanderberk—Black Smith—Crosby St. 8th Ward—vice Parley Sullard, Expelled.

[170] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances: to wit

Miller David Crone	Own. Occ.	29	Warren St.	Privy
M. H. Guion A. Sutton	Own. Occ.	42	Division St.	do.
T. Legget D. L. Owens	Own. Occt.	52	Essex St.	do.
J. B. Murray F. D. Cheavou	Own. Occ.	Church c.	Chamber	do.
A. Boyer J. Rounault	Own. Occ.	59	Church St.	do.
J. Robinson S. Sherman	Own. Occ.	61	do.	do.
A. Boyer	Own. & Occ.	63	do.	do.
Dr. Ben. Dewitt A. L. Poyer	Own. Occ.	72	do.	do.
Dr. Ben. Dewitt T. Reice	Own. Occ.	74	do.	do.
Jno. R. Murray W. Crane	Own. Occt.	75	do.	do.
Dr. Ben. Dewitt	Own.	76	do.	do.
Jno. Disbrow L. Jouy	Own. Occ.	94	do.	do.
J. Romaine J. Gassen	Own. Occ.	100	do.	do.
[171] R. Hudson	Own. & Occ.	108	do.	do.
E. West	Lessee & Occ.	114	do.	do.
D. Berdan J. Phenix	Own. Occ.	149.	do.	do.
T. S. Talbot J. Howard	Own. Occ.	159.	do.	do.
S. Baxter Mrs. Concklin	Own. Occ.	167	do.	do.

S. Baxter M. Farrington	Own. Occ.	169	Church St.	Privy
G. Concklin J. Potter	Own. Occ.	187	do.	do.
Mrs. Stewart W. M. Wilson	Own. Occ.	200	do	do
Mr. Pinckney Jno. Riker	Own. Occupant.	202	do.	do.
J. Syren J. Sprowls	Owner Occupant	203	do.	do.
D. Sutton G. James	Owner Occupant	204	do.	do.
Daniel Day	Own. & Occ.	206	do.	do.
M. Flanegan B. Resler	Owner Occupant	215	do.	do.
C. Johnson	Own. & Occ.	221	do	do.
J. M. Demarest	do. do.	229	do.	do.
R. N. Oliver,	Lessee & Occ.	232	do.	do.
J. Hallett	Own. & do.	233	do.	do.
[172] M. Sears	Owner & Occ.	234	do.	do.
Mrs. Archer Jno. Hazard	Owner Occupant.	235	do.	do.
Jno. Brevoort	Owner	Prince c. Mercer.		Lot.

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel presented a Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels in the Stream of the North River—which was read and passed.

He also presented the following Drafts of Laws to be presented for Enactment to the Legislature at the ensuing Session: to wit

"An Act to enable the Mayor &c. to raise money by Tax"—which was laid for consideration—and—"An Act relative to the Commissioner of Excise in the City of New York"—which was referred back to the Counsel.

The Attorney presented a Communication, stating that Complaints had been made against sundry Tavern Keepers for permitting Gambling and disorderly Conduct in their Houses contrary to their Recognizances, and recommending that their Recognizances [173] be directed to be put in suit—which was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The Counsel presented a Letter of Attorney from the Corporation to Thomas R. Smith and Ogden Edwards Esquires, constituting them the Agents & Attornies of the Corporation to adjust and settle with the proper Departments of the Government of the United States the Claims of this Corporation against the United States for Monies paid to the Owners of Lands on account of Damages which they sustained by the Erection of Fortifications thereon for the Defence of this City during the late War—Which Letter of Attorney was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund presented the following Report and Account: to wit They Reported that

"during the half year ending the Second Monday (10th) of November 1817. They have purchased during that time Ten Thousand One hundred Dollars City Stock, which has been *has been* paid for out of [174] the funds appropriated by Law for that purpose. "Although purchases have been made above par, yet it was thought advisable to invest the Cash on hand, from time to time, in this species of Stock at the Market price. The main object of establishing the Sinking Fund was the lessening the public debt of the City by purchases, and the Commissioners have considered it most prudent to prefer buying the City Stock, on the best terms, in preference to any other. "The whole amount redeemed, to the 10th November last, was Seventy four Thousand Dollars, since which purchases have been made and more are shortly expected to be accomplished. The balance on hand November 10th 1817 is One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars Twelve cents agreeably to the annexed Account."

(sign'd) Jacob Radcliff:
" R. Riker:
" Thos. R. Smith
Chairmn Fince Comee
" G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

to which Report was annexed an Account, as follows—(on p. 175.)
(decision on p. 176.)

[175] "The Sinking Fund in Account Current with the Commissioners for the Half Year ending the Second Monday (10th of November 1817."

Dr.				Cr.			
1817.				1817.			
July 16.	To Cash pd for $1300 City Stock bought of A. H. Lawrence à 100½ p. Ct.....	1,306.50.		May 12.	Balance on hand as per Report.....		$227.70
	Brokerage ¼ per ct.	3.26.			By Cash received for Market Fees....		4428.99.
			1,309.76.		" " Int. on City Stock		2970.00.
" 19.	To do. for $2400 City Stock bought of A. H. Lawrence à 101¼ p. Ct.....	2,430.00			" " Street Vaults ...		2091.75.
	Brokerage ¼ p. Ct.	6.00			" " Commutn Water Quit Rents		143.84.
			2,436.00	May 12 to Nov. 10	" " Water Lot rents previous 1804		425.00.
Nov. 10.	To do. for $6400 City Stock bought of George F. White à 102½ p. Ct.....	6,560.00.			" " Pawn Brokers' Licenses		160.00
	Brokerage ¼ p. Ct.	16.40					
			6,576.40.				
	Balance in hands of the Commissioners..		125.12				
			$10,447.28				$10,447.28.
				1817 Nov. 10.	Balance in favor of Commissioners.....		$125.12

(sign'd) Jacob Radcliff:
" R. Riker:
" Th. R. Smith
Chairman Fin. Com.
" G. N. Bleecker Comptr

} Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

[176] whereupon—the Report was directed to be filed: and it was referred to the discretion of the Finance Committee to direct the Communication to be published.

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others, reported:

"That they have examined the subject, and are well aware of the inconvenience the Petitioners are under who deal in the above-mentioned articles—and they therefore recommend that Hemp and Sulphur may be permitted to be stored, during the pleasure of the Board, in any Fire Proof Store in which neither fire or candle light is kept—yet, your Committee believe, that the security of the petitioners, as well as that of the public, requires that such permission should not be general, or apply to all the above named articles—and therefore further recommend, that the other articles petitioned for may be permitted to be stored, under certain regulations—and that any person wishing to store any of the above articles within the limits prohibited by the Act of the [177] Legislature without first obtaining permission from this Board.

"We are of opinion that application should be made to the Fire Warden of the Ward in which the same is proposed to be stored, with the name of the Applicant, the place, articles and quantity; and if a Majority of the Wardens may think it proper, they must then report it to the Chief Engineer, and by him be presented to this Board for approbation or otherwise."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis:
" A. L. Underhill:
" Thos. Franklin.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the raising the Rates of Slippage &c. presented a Report, which was laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee and Comptroller, to whom was referred the Account of U. W. Freeman for Services in surveying and making Maps of the Eighth [178] and Ninth Wards, reported

"That they consider it as unreasonable and extravagant—the amount being upwards of *of* Sixteen hundred Dollars, and the work appears by the dates to have been done at such times and seasons as suited the convenience of Mr. Freeman—comprising a period of Two years and a quarter.

"The Committee possess no check on this account, nor have they

any means of ascertaining its correctness other than the declaration of Mr. Freeman.

"After investigating the business thoroughly, it is respectfully proposed that the Board allow the sum of One Thousand Seventy five Dollars, fifty cents, as Compensation in full for these services; which sum is the result of the following statement—to wit—

"Chain Bearer 130 days à $1 is	$130.00
"Actual Surveying 130 days à $4	520.00
"Time consumed in Mapping &c. supposing the Acct. correct 212¾ à $2	425.50
	$1075.50
If from this is deducted the amount estimated in the Acct. for the 8th Ward	255.00
it will leave for the 9th Ward	$820.50

[179] a sum much larger, it is believed, than was ever contemplated to be given for surveying and mapping this ward."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Reuben Munson:
" Stephen Allen:
" G. N. Bleecker, Compt.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee and Comptroller, on the Petition of Thomas Burling, reported:

"That they have examined into the particulars of this case, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief on the ground that this property was destroyed by fire during the time when the tax was collectable: they therefore recommend that Mr. Gilbert, the Collector of Arrears be instructed to cancel the same."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Reuben Munson:
" Stephen Allen:
" G. N. Bleecker, Compt.

*Approved.

[180] The Finance Committee and Comptroller on the Petition of Frederic C. Havemeyer, reported:

"That in their opinion it would be improper for this Board to

interfere in the case, and recommend that the applicant have leave to withdraw his petition."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Samuel Akerly
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" G. N. Bleecker, Comptr.

which Report was approved.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Representation of John W. Weyman, Clerk of the Sessions, Reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration, and have made many enquiries and examinations on the subject, the result of which has been—that the several public Offices in the City Hall have been fitted up at the expence of the Corporation.

"That the fixtures and furniture in most of them, and particularly the [181] County Offices, have also been made at the public Expence.

"That the boxes and cases which at present contain the Records and Papers of the Court of General Sessions of the peace, as well as the seal, screw and press of that Court have been provided at the expence of the present Clerk.

"Your Committee therefore can see no reason why the Office in question should not be put on the same footing as the other public offices in the City Hall.

"They accordingly recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to make such fixtures and Repairs in that Office, under the direction of your Committee, as will render more secure the public Records and Papers, and also that the sum of $134 dollars, being the sum actually paid by the present incumbent for boxes and cases, in which the public Records and Papers are now contained, and for the seal, press & screw of the court of which he is the clerk, be refunded to him."

(sign'd) George B. Thorp:
" Stephen Allen:
" W. F. Van Amringe.

[182] which Report was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Special Committee, on the subject of the Clerk's Office, reported:

"That they find the Minutes or proceedings of the Board have not been engrossed later than the 13th May last: That the engrossed

Minutes for 6 months preceding that date have not yet, as they understand, been compared with the Originals and corrected.

"That there appear a number of blanks in the engrossed minutes of several years back, which seem to have been left for entries that have never been made: the Committee however are informed that this omission is not the fault of the Clerk, but to be attributed to other causes.

"It also appears that the book of Ordinances, in which all the ordinances or laws of a general nature should be regularly entered as they are passed with the seal of the Corporation, does not contain an entry since the year 1815—altho' [183] a number of new, and some of them important laws have been passed since that time.

"The Committee are of opinion that the present is an improper condition for the public Records to remain in, and that more attention should be paid to a matter of so much interest and importance to the City.

"The Clerk of the Common Council being also the receiver of the Mayoralty fees, the Committee think it proper to state that by one of our laws it is made his duty to render weekly to the Comptroller an account of these fees and to pay over the amount to the Chamberlain; but by the Comptroller's statement it does not appear that any regular account has been rendered him for some time past, altho' Mayoralty fees have been from time to time paid by him to the Chamberlain.

"For the foregoing services it may not be improper to state the Clerk receives

First as Clerk of the Common Council	$750.
Second—as Receiving Clerk	500.
[184] To which add as Secretary of the Board of Health	250.00
Making together	$1500.00

"Upon the whole, the Committee propose the adoption of the following Resolutions

"Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council cause the Minutes to be engrossed by some person to be by him provided for the purpose, in a fair and handsome hand, equal to those of Vol. 31—and carefully examine the same: that all the blanks in the Minutes already engrossed be filled up as far as practicable: the whole to be completed by the 15th day of February next.

"Resolved, that thereafter, at any regular meeting of the Board, the minutes in the business of engrossing and examination shall be but two meetings behind the said regular meeting.

"Resolved, that it be, and it is hereby made the duty of the Receiving Clerk to provide a book or register; in which he shall regularly enter all [185] monies received by him in that capacity; particularly designating, under the proper head, the name of the payer, the amount paid, on what account, and the date when received.

"Resolved, that the Office hours of the Clerk of the Common Council shall hereafter be from 9 to 3 o'clock from the 1st of May to the 1st of November, and from 10 to 3 o'clock during the rest of the year.

"And further, as it is necessary in consequence of the revision of the laws last spring to enter most of them anew, which would be a considerable undertaking

"Resolved, that this Committee be empowered to employ a suitable person to enter the whole of general ordinances in the Book kept for that purpose, and if necessary to provide a new one.

"Resolved, that there be added to the number of Standing Committees one to consist of three members, and to be denominated the Committee on Public Offices; whose duty it shall be to [186] examine and report to the Board quarterly: to wit, on the first Monday in April, July, October and January, and oftener should they think proper, the state and condition of the office of the Comptroller, of the Street Commissioner, of the Clerk of the Common Council, of the City Inspector, and of such other Offices as they may consider for the public interest.

"The Committee in closing their Report beg leave to observe that their confidence in the ability. and integrity of the present Clerk is undiminished, and they are happy to learn that since their appointment arrangements have been made by him to remedy the existing evils: it is neveretheless their opinion that the public interest will be promoted by so defining the duties of the Officers of the Board, that, if possible, nothing may be left to construction in the execution thereof; and therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
*Approved " Samuel Stevens.

[187] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d ins	$416.43	
Received for Streets	4,500.00	
" " Canal Street	500.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	380.00	5,796.43

20 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson—Watch 1 dist	1,118.25	
Walton & Hibberd do. 2d dist	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.00	
Jonath. Weeder—Street Inspectr. 1 Mo. Salary—1 January.	54.00	
Sam. Hutchings—St. Inspectr 1 Mo. Salary—1 January	54.00	
W. J. Waldron—Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo. Salary—1 January	54.00	
Obad. Ayres—Asst City Inspec. 1 Mo. Salary—1 January	54.00	
Astin & Cochran—Messengers, 1 Mo. Salary—1 January	60.00	
Ch. Mooney—flaggng Centre Market	413.31	
Thos. Barnum, Supng Wharves and Piers, 24 days	48.00	
Gaml Smith—Award 13th Street	59.00	
Corlis & May—flaggg Broad Way	600.00	
Jac. C. Mott and Associates, making sundry Assessments	393.00	
[188] Abrahm Stagg, on account for paving Orange Street.	300.00	
Robert Latimer, on acct. for forming Road thro' Hudson St.	300.00	
Thomas Scott, on acct. for paving Lombardy Street	100.00	
Thomas Corbley, for repairg intersections of Streets	50.63	
Pangburn & Blanch, Mason work for Engine house Greenwch	216.50	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintend. Repairs, for Engine house Greenwch	300.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup. Repairs, to pay Workmen	320.00	5,590.19
	Balance	$=206.24

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[189] In Common Council:—January 5. 1818.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
J. Warren Brackett:	John Remmy:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Samuel Akerly:
Eldad Holmes:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Effing. Schieffelin:
Arthur Burtis:	Stephen Allen.
George B. Thorp:	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Colonel Murray (Commanding the 14th Regiment of the 1st Brigade New York State Artillery, called the Governor's Guard.) requesting to be complimented by the Corporation with a Stand of Colours—was read and referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A Petition of Joshua Place and Samuel [190] Pearcy, to be permitted to sell meat at Private Stalls in Division Street—was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of Nicholas Steele and Matthias Smith, for Stalls No. 2 and No. 3, Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition and Remonstrance of the Licensed Chimney Sweepers, was read and laid for consideration.

A Petition of John Smith Inspector of Firewood for the 9th District, praying to be permitted to inspect wood stored at the Corners of Reed & Washington Streets and of Chamber and Washington Streets, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 3d Ward to Report.

A Representation from the Visiting Committee of the Humane Society, recommending the erection of Stoves in the Rooms of the Debtors' Gaol, was read, [191] and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Thomas Gardner was presented, stating that he holds a mortgage for $750 with interest on property formerly belonging to Beekman M. Van Beuren of which he understands the Corporation have received a Release of the Equity of Redemption, and he informs that he is proceeding on his Mortgage to recover the monies due thereon in expectation that the Corporation will direct the amount due to him to be paid in—whereupon, it was ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of Lewis and Thaddeus Seymour praying that they may be permitted to pay the due proportion of an Assessment laid upon a Lot owned by them in Mott Street for improving said Street which on the Assessment by the Commissioner was included with another Lot owned by the Trustees of Zion Church but which said Lot has been since purchased by them—Ordered that it be referred to the Finance Committee and Attorney.

[192] A Petition of Stephen Huestis to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Haerlem recommended by a number of Inhabitants, was read and granted, and he was appointed accordingly.

A Petition that Oliver Street may be extended to Chatham Square, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

Resignations of John Doughty and Samuel D. Ingraham of the appointment of Weighers of Hay at Haerlem, were read and accepted.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that an Ordinance may

be passed restraining the Raking for Crabs in the Winter Season, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from John Baptiste Robin, Fruiterer, stating that he was prosecuted on a charge of selling Liquor without License of which he was innocent—that he was persuaded to confess judgment and [193] apply to the Honorable Corporation for redress—that he therefore solicited the interference of the Common Council—Ordered to be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th Ward.

A Petition of Nathan Morse, Tavern Keeper, for Remission of Fine incurred by permitting Card-playing in his house, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of John J. Fink and Abraham Vermilyea to be permitted to exchange with each other Stalls No. 54 and No. 1 Washington Market, and a Petition from Gilbert Cromwell for Stall No. 25 Fly Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Proposal from Jacob Patchen, Ichabod White, John Patchen and Israel Reynolds, to pay to the Corporation for the Stands which they now occupy in the Lower Fly Market One hundred and fifty Dollars per annum each, in lieu of fees, was read and referred to the Mar- [194] ket Committee.

A Petition from Stephen Huestis, for remission of Fine for weighing Hay without a Commission as a Weigh Master, stating that he had acted under the authority of a Licensed Weigher, which he had supposed was legal, was read, and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Daniel Updike, a Watchman of Captain Hibbert's Company, complaining of being removed from his office of Watchman, and praying his case to be enquired into—was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial was received from Dominick Lynch, stating that in the year 1810 he improved certain Water Lots granted to him lying on Water and Walnut Streets by sinking Piers &c.—that the Corporation laid out a Slip at that place and took part of Petitioner's ground for which no compensation has been made—that they have [195] also during that period received the whole of the Wharfage—and praying a settlement of his demands for the same. He also stated that he was indebted to the Corporation for expences in filling in certain Lots on Collect Street and for quit rent on Water lots at Walnut Street—that part of those sums are unpaid as he considered himself as having a claim for a large amount against the Corporation—that a suit has been instituted against him for the same which he prays may be suspended.

He also stated that property belonging to him in Orange Street had been taken for improving and widening said Street without his assent, and praying to be compensated therefor—He finally requested the Corporation would take immediate measures to make a Settlement with him of the above subjects—Whereupon, it was referred to the Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Attorney.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to order, presented a Map of the grounds [196] included in the Military Square—which was laid on the Table.

He also presented a Communication on the subject of Contracts which shall hereafter be entered into for sinking Wells—which was approved, and it was referred to the Attorney to prepare a Draft of the form of such Contract.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessment for paving Cross Street—and a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

Upon the suggestion of the Street Commissioner, Abraham Baudouine was appointed Assessor in the Ordinance for rebuilding the Common Sewer at Peck Slip in place of Michael M. Titus who declined acting.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Pump and Well in Perry Street near Herring Street—which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were [197] appointed Assessors.

He also presented the assessments for regulating and paving Greenwich Street from Hamersly Street to Christopher St.: for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street near Market Street; and for regulating Bleecker Street—which were confirmed, and Morris D'Camp was appointed Collector on the Two former, and Noah Jarvis on the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances:—to wit

E. Day	Owner.	Charlton c. Hudson.	Privy.
A. B. Conk & J. Harvey	Occ.		
A. Blauvelt	Owner.	Hudson St.	do.
J. Day	Occupant.		
Ann Purdy	Owner.	do.	do.
T. Powers, A Brenmer and M. Hopper	Occ.		
Hy Mickmark	Own. & Occ.	Rhyn[l]ander's Alley.	do.
L. Kelly	do. do.	4 do.	do.

T. Doremus J. Blauvelt	Owner Occupant.	27.	Harrison St.	Privy.
Dan. Fashee	Own. & Occ.	4	Beach St.	do.
[198] D. Magee T. Pope	Owner Occupant.	7	Harrison St.	do.
J. Vanderbilt P. Mabie	Owner Occupant.	8	Beach St	do.
Vandolston D. Oldridge	Owner Occupant.	2	do.	do.
Sam. Carmaker O. Wells	Owner Occupant	6	do.	do.
Hy White	Own. & Occ.	10	do.	do.
J. Gray T. Blake	Owner, Occupant	44	Jay Street	do.
William Ludlum R. Pitcaitly	Own. Occ.		Jay c. Rhinlander	do.
J. Ashfield J. B. Martin	Owner Occupant	10	Jay St	do
J. Vanderbeck Sam. Lewis	Own. Occupant	18	do.	do.
Jno. McComb Sage	Owner Occupant	23	do.	do.
Wm Stone Esq. Wm J. Cartels	Owner Occupant	39	do.	do.
Mrs. Glover	Owner		Mott Street.	Lot.

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

[199] The Market Committee, on the Petition of Peter P. Roome for Stall No. 2. Greenwich Market, reported that the same be granted to him—which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Rodman Bowne, together with a Report of a former Committee dated the 7th of April 1817, presented a Report.

The Report of the former Committee of 7th April 1817 was as follows: to wit

"That they have well considered the Application of the Petitioner and would therefore recommend to this Board the propriety of granting in part the request of the petitioner by extending his Lease Thirteen years from the First of May next which lease will be for the same time as the one at Fulton Slip

"Provided, the petitioner pay to the Corporation the following rent, namely for the first six years Eighteen hundred Dollars per annum—for the last seven years Two thousand Dollars per annum—which is at the same ratio as the Lessees of the Fulton Slip Ferry pay [200] to this Corporation

"Also, that the Petitioner place on the Ferry another good and sufficient Horse Boat to be propelled not less than by Eight Horses in one year from the first of May next."

(sign'd) Peter Conrey:
" Wm AlBurtis:
" J. Mapes.

The Report this day presented was as follows:—to wit

"That the Committee have considered the application of the Petitioner and the Report of the former Committee dated the 7th of April last, viz—to extend his Lease to the same time as the lease granted to Fulton Slip Ferry—and recommend to the Board to adopt the said Report on conditions the said Petitioner shall, before taking his lease, put on the Ferry another good and sufficient Horse-boat on or before the expiration of one year—said Boat to be approved of by the Corporation."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster:
" J. Warren Brackett:
" Eldad Holmes.

which was approved.

[201] The Second Resolution proposed by the Ferry Committee in their Report recommending an Application to the Legislature to repeal the laws regulating the Ferries at Brooklyn, and which was laid for consideration on the 22d of December last, was called up—It was then moved that the Board reconsider the Resolution agreed to on the said subject on the 22d of December last so as to bring up the whole subject before the Board. This motion was unanimously agreed to—The following Resolutions were then presented as Substitutes and agreed to:—towit

"1st Resolved—that the Counsel of the Board endorse on the Lease executed to Fulton and Cutting for the old Ferry at Brooklyn the assent of the Board to their procuring and using on the said Ferry a Team Boat instead of a Second Steam Boat mentioned in the said Lease—On condition that such Team Boat be equally convenient with the Team boat now used on the new ferry to Brooklyn; and that the said Team Boat be put in actual operation on the said ferry, on [201B] or before the first day of June next: which boat being so put in opera-

tion to the satisfaction of this Board, it shall be deemed a full compliance with the said lease.

"2d Resolved, that this Board do hereby authorise and empower the Lessees of the old ferry to Brooklyn to demand and receive the same rates of ferriage in the said Team Boat as they are now entitled to receive in their Steam Boat, so far as this Board can legally authorize them to demand and receive the same.

"3d Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare an application to the Legislature for the purpose of requesting the Repeal of the present laws regulating the said Ferries to Brooklyn and recognizing the right vested in this corporation by their Charter to regulate the ferries to and from this City." (Agreed to.)

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom it was referred to select suitable places whereon to erect Two Engine [202] Houses. Reported: as follows—to wit*

The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Michael Nagle, Reported:

"That on enquiry being made at the Police Office, the Committee were informed that the said Nagle was convicted on his own confession of violating the law of this State for restraining Hawkers, Pedlars &c. from selling without License. It appeared, that the goods found upon him were sold to satisfy the Penalty,

and that they brought	£8: 0:10d
from which was deducted for Auctioneer's Commission & Costs of Court	1:14: 6
Leaving a Balance of	£7: 6: 4

or $15.79 cents, the one Moiety of which was paid the informer and the remainder to the City Chamberlain for the use of the [203] poor. The Committee recommend that the amount paid into the Treasury be returned to said Nagle, and that a Warrant pass accordingly."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen:
" Samuel Stevens:
" John B. Coles:
" Eldad Holmes.

which Report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant Accordingly.

The Special Committee, (to whom had been referred the Report of the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips on the subject of the Petitions for establishing a public Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street, and a Remonstrance against the same, and a Petition for establishing a Slip or Public Basin at the foot of Oliver Street) presented a Report, which was read—Upon a Resolution proposed by the said

* No report follows, although a space is left for it.—ED.

Special Committee that both the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip and those at the foot of Oliver Street should be reserved for public purposes, the ques- [204] tion being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative—Upon the further Resolution proposed by said Committee that the waters at the foot of Roosevelt Street be now taken and occupied as a Public Slip and that those at the foot of Oliver Street be occupied for public purposes whenever public convenience shall require such occupation, it was moved that the consideration of that question be postponed—the question being taken thereon, and a Division called, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

8—Affirmative. Mr. Recorder: Aldermen Coles: Buckmaster: Burtis: Mr. Stevens: Taylor: Schieffelin: Allen.

7—Negative. Aldermen Brackett: Underhill: Holmes: Thorp: Munson Mr. Van Amringe: Remmey.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of appointing a Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers, was called up and [205] made the Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee, on the Petition for widening Grand Street, Reported: "That after a careful examination of the subject with the reasons for and against the proposed improvement are unanimously of opinion that it will be a valuable improvement if said street is widened between Broadway & the Bowery, & that it will tend very much to enhance the value of the property in the street. "They therefore recommend that Grand Street between Broadway & the Bowery be widened to 70 feet by taking 20 feet from the lots on the south side of the street, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take the usual measures to have said Street widened as shown on the plan herewith presented."

(signed) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb. S. C.

which was agreed to

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Buckmaster:

"Resolved, that in future the New York Evening Post be one of the Newspapers for the printing of the Laws and Ordinances of this Board."

[206] The Report of the Committee of Finance on the Increase of the Fees for Vessels lying in the Public Slips was moved to be considered. A motion was made to adjourn which was carried

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 29 Dec	$206.24	
Received for Streets	2,000.00	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Fines &c. Police Office	76.25	
" " Arrears of Tax	1,500.00	4782.49

19 Accounts Audited.

Dan. H. Magee—keeper Potter's Fd. 1 month—1 instant	46.50	
Jno. W. Weyman—boxes, seal, press, &c. for Office—ordd 29 Dec	134.00	
J. Brush Plank—Supdg Repairs. Centre Market Cellars	58. 6	
G. Snethen—Supng & Lighting Lamps—1 mo. 1st instant	754.69	
Joel West—1 bbl. Spts. Turpentine for Lamps	23.62	
Sayre & Force—Chambers Pumps 1 year to 1st inst	140.00	
[207] R. F. Muller—Int. on bond—6 mo. to 3d Instant	280.49	
Pet. Bonnett—Int. on bond—6 mo. to 3d instant	97.54	
A. Storms—Bulkhead—Crane Whf	500.00	
Corlis & May—flaggg Broad Way	400.00	
Abr. Stagg—paving Orange St. from Chatham to Bayard St.	300.00	
H. Van Pelt—inspectg paving Sts	292.73	
Chs. Mooney paving Broad Wy	200.00	
Representatives of Chs. Golden deceased paving Hudson St.	200.00	
Chs. Mooney—paving Cross St	100.00	
Abr. Stagg—pavg Mulberry St	100.00	
Jno. Culbert—do. Oliver St	100.00	
Mary Marshall—Award for Water Street	46.50	
Richard Furman, Superintdt of the Alms house	1000.00	4774.13
	Balance—	$=8.36

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock

[208] In Common Council: January 12. 1818.

Present Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants.
J. Warren Brackett:	Samuel Stevens:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Leonard Kip:
Eldad Holmes:	W. F. Van Amringe:
Geo. Buckmaster:	John Remmy:
Arthur Burtis:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. B. Thorp.	Jacob B. Taylor:
	Effingm Schieffelin:
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.
A Petition of Robert Latimer, to be released from his contract

with the Corporation to work the 8th Avenue, was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John R. Livingston for discontinuance of a Suit brought against him for not filling in certain [209] Lots, was read and referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector.

A Petition of Robert Givan, for Remission of Personal Tax laid on him, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of B. Romaine for leave to construct a Vault in Hudson Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

Petitions from Robert Latimer and Corynus Bertholf for Remission of Fines for selling Liquor without License, were read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Murtaugh Byrne, for remission of Fine under charge of suffering a Billiard Table to be kept in his house was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

[210] A Petition of Adam Thompson, for Return of proportion of Assessment laid on the Lot at the Corner of Broome and Mulberry Streets paid by Petitioner, and part of which Lot is occupied by an Engine House owned by the Corporation, was read and ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller to Report.

A Memorial of the Female Assistance Society requesting further pecuniary aid for their Establishment, accompanied with a Report of their proceedings, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A further Petition of Uzal W. Freeman, stating that the allowance, made by the Committee to whom his Account for Surveys and Maps of the 8th and 9th Wards had been referred, was not adequate to the labor and expence attending the same, and requesting a further consideration, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Herriman, that [211] a Suit commenced against him on account of a Building said to be erected contrary to the provisions of the act for prevention of Fires, may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer.

An Invitation of the Trustees of the Society of Industry to the Members of the Common Council to attend a meeting of said Society on Tuesday next at 12 o'clock, to examine the proceedings of said Society and to judge of the beneficial effects resulting to the community from the same, was read and accepted.

A Petition of Jacob Coutant on the subject of an Assessment laid, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances:—towit

N. Warner	Owner.	Pump c. Mulberry Sts.		
P. Connor	Occupant.			Privy
[212] T. Robinson	Owner	96	Pump St.	do.
J. Perrigrue	Occ.			
S. Beedle	Own. & Occ.	102	do.	do.
J. Woolsey	Own.	122	do.	do.
M. Fisher	Occ.			
P. Halstead	Own.	126	do.	do.
J. Kennedy	Occ.			
B. Ogden	Own.	154	Hester St	do.
S. McCully	Occ.			
Mr. Dyche	Own.	156	do.	do.
J. H. Martin	Occ.			
G. Astor	Own.	159	do.	do.
A. Bettiner	Occ.			
G. Astor	Own.	161	do.	do.
P. Byrd	Occ.			
J. Myers	Own.	162	do.	do.
T. Hunt	Occ.			
S. Beedle	Own.	169	do.	do.
J. Jones	Occ.			
Wm Pittman	Own.	171	do.	do.
S. Hyde	Occ.			
J. Lynch	Own.	172	do.	do.
M. Vermillia	Occ.			
Jno. P. Ritter	Own.		Greenwich St.	Lot
Joel West	Lessee.	Greenwich c. King		do.

(sign'd) G. Cuming. Cit. Inspec.

which Ordinances were passed.

[213] The City Inspector presented the following Remarks on a Statement of the deaths, in the City & County of New York, for the year 1817, amounting to Two Thousand five hundred and Twenty seven, succeeded by the Annual Report of Interments:—to wit

"Remarks."

"In 1816 the number of deaths exceeded that of the last year by Two hundred and twelve. The Small Pox in the former year was

very fatal, having carried off One hundred and seventy nine. persons; whereas in the latter, Fourteen only died of that complaint. This circumstance may account for the present decrease in deaths. It is to be lamented, however, that this fatal Complaint has again visited our City, and if the exertions now employed fail in checking its fearful progress, it is to be apprehended that the next year's report will present a melancholy picture of Deaths, which might have been avoided, but for the persevering obstinacy of many who reject vaccination.

"The Consumptive Cases, as usual, [214] occupy a considerable space in the list of deaths, not however in a greater proportion than was formerly presented:—the same causes continue to produce the same effects, in this widely extended Complaint.

"It is a matter of great consolation that our City has been exempted from that dreadful complaint the Yellow Fever: that whilst other cities on the Continent experienced its destructive visitation, we, under the precautionary measures of a vigilant Board of Health, aided by a superintending Providence, have escaped its ruthless devastation.

"It may not be improper to remark, that altho' the number of deaths were fewer the last year than in 1816, yet more persons died of Old Age than in the preceding year. Ninety six persons quietly departed, among whom was a woman born in this City at the advanced age of 103—a proof, if any were wanting, that this Climate is as friendly to Longevity as any other, and that to imprudence alone it is attributable that we have not many such instances to record."

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

[215] "Annual Report of Interments"

in the City & County of New York—commencing on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of December 1817, shewing the sexes of the persons who died—&c. &c

(Abstract.)

"Men	763
"Women	607
"Boys	673
"Girls	484
"Total	2527

which Report was directed to be published in the usual manner.

The Comptroller presented the following Report: to wit

"On the 22d July 1816, the Board resolved, that the Collectors of Taxes who have settled with the Treasurer be, and they are hereby directed and required to deliver to the Treasurer their Books of Assessment, in order that the Arrears of Taxes may be handed over to such person or persons, as shall hereafter be appointed by the Board to collect the same; and that it shall be the duty of the Collectors of Taxes, in every succeeding year, [216] to deliver up their Books of Assessment to the Treasurer, on the day on which they settle their balance of Taxes with him, that similar arrangements may be made for the collection of all Arrears."

"It was also Resolved, that the Comptroller call upon the several Collectors, and direct them to pay over to the Chamberlain or Treasurer such sums as remain in their hands of Taxes by them collected.

"Agreeably to the above Resolutions, the Comptroller sent a Circular to each of the Collectors of Taxes, informing them of the order of the Board.

"On the 6th August following, a Report was made to the Common Council, that Two of the Collectors have paid the Treasurer the Balance remaining with them—But One has delivered over the Book of Collection, in conformity with the Resolution of the Board—and that it appeared very difficult, if not impracticable to proceed with the Collection of Arrears of Taxes, unless the Order of the Board is complied with.

"By a Return made by Mr. [217] Gilbert, who is the Collector of Arrears of Taxes, it appears that the Collectors of the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Wards have paid to him to the 1st instant the sum of $1352.30 Amount remaining in their hands of Taxes by them collected in different years.

"The Books of the Collectors, as directed by the foregoing Resolution of the Board on the 22d July, 1816, have only been delivered complete by the Collector of the 10th Ward, and partially by the Collectors of the 6th 7th and 9th Wards.

"The Collector of Arrears feels much embarrassment in the Collection of Taxes, for the want of the several Collectors' Books, which he has made exertions to obtain, but cannot.

"To enforce the Resolution of the Board, and also to expedite future Collections of Arrears it is respectfully recommended—"That the Board should direct the Treasurer to demand and receive of the respective Collectors their Books, at the time they settle the Balance of Tax, and that he should with- [218] hold giving a Receipt for said

Balance, to such as refuse or neglect to comply with the Order of the Board."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker,
Comptroller.

which Report was approved.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies) to wit:

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1."

David Keys—Cooper—20 Banker St—4th Ward. vice Dav. S. Gibson, Resigned.

Duncan McKechney—do—14 Cliff St—2d Ward—chosen an additional Member

Donald McLeod, Grocer, Wall c. Front, 1st Ward chosen an additional Member.

"Fire Engine Company No. 3"

B. Harriot, Cabinet Mr—Stone St. 1st Ward. vice D. McKitchine, Shifted to the Hook & Ladder Company.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

J. Van Zandt, Mercht. 60 Chatham S. 4th Wd vice Moses Beadell, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 6"

J. Whitehead, Brush Mr 115 Orange St. 6 Wd vice William Brooks, Removed

[219] "Fire Engine Company No 17."
Stationed in Fayette St.

Hy E. Hoyt, Watch Mr 121 Cherry S. 4th Wd vice James Scott, made Engineer.

C. E. Degrushie, Cordwainer—128 Front S. 2d Wd vice Daniel Comstock, Resigned.

John Lent, Shipwright—89 Chrystie S. 10th Wd vice Peter Noe, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 24"

Elijah Budd, Cabinet Mr—28 Cedar S. 1st Wd vice Walter Moffat, Resign'd

"Fire Engine Company No. 26."

Alex. Stewart, Sash Mr, Norfolk c. Grand S. 10 Wd vice Mich. M. Titus, Resign'd

Dav. O. Earl, Mason, 157 Division S. 7th Wd vice Sam. G. Weekes, Resigned

A Petition of Sarah Beach for remuneration for the Services of her husband Jesse Beach in ascertaining the Latitude of the City Hall, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the 1st Ward for the Erection of a Market in said Ward, was read and referred [220] to the Market Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Columbia Street—which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood, and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Orange Street from Bayard to Pump Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Attorney, agreeably to the reference to him, presented the draught of the form of the Contract to be used hereafter in Contracts to be made for Sinking of Wells—which was approved.

The Report of the Committee on the appointment of a Superintendant of Sweeps having been made the order of the day was called up—(and it was settled by the Recorder and agreed to by the Board, that a Motion for the Order of the day took the precedence of all other motions and was to be [221] considered immediately after the reading of Petitions & Original Communications.)

The Report of the Committee was read and agreed to. The Board then took up the Ordinance reported by the Committee—A motion was made to strike out the first section of the Bill, which was negatived, and the first section agreed to. A motion was then made to amend the second section by restricting the Limits to Grand Street, which was agreed to. Upon the question of agreeing to the Section as amended, it was negatived. After some further discussion, the Ordinance was recommitted*ed* to the same Committee with the addition of Messieurs Allen: Stevens and The Attorney.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the subject of the Course of the Streets thro' the grounds of Mr. John Ireland, Reported.

"That they have had a Map made of the grounds and duly con- [222] sidered the subject referred to them

"They do not see cause to alter the direction of any of the Streets as delineated on Mr. Ireland's Map, except that of Cornelia Street—they propose that this street be continued on a straight line from its junction with 12th Street at Greenwich Lane to the North River, and also that 13th Street be continued across the angle formed by the Fitzroy Road and Greenwich Lane.

The Committee recommend that the foregoing plan be adopted and confirmed by this Board, there being no objections thereto by the persons interested therein."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" Leonard Kip:
" John Remmy:
" John M^cComb,
Street Commiss^r

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee and Attorney, on the petition of Lewis and Thaddeus Seymour, Reported:

" That the prayer of the Pe- [223] titioner ought not to be granted, inasmuch as it would embarrass the proceedings for the residue of the amount of the assessment."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen:
" Leonard Kip:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Reuben Munson.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Visiting Committee of the Humane Society, Reported:

" That they have examined the several apartments appropriated for confined debtors, & found them as represented. The Committee have ascertained that suitable Stoves may be purchased at $22 each & that the whole expence of the necessary Pipe & other fixtures for 6 stoves will not exceed $180

" The saving in fuel & the comfort to be experienced by the unfortunate Debtor should this arrangement be adopted, induces the Committee to recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs, under the direction of this or some other Committee be authorised to purchase & erect a suitable stove in Rooms Nos. 1. 3. 4. 5. 6 & at the expence of this Board."

(sign'd) Steph. Allen:
" Samuel Stevens:
" Arthur Burtis:
" Eldad Holmes

*Ordered to be executed under the same Committee.

[224] The Aldermen and Assistants of the 3^d Ward, to whom was referred the Petition of John Smith and James Hunt on the subject of inspecting Firewood from yards where it is stored—Reported:

" That they have taken the same into consideration, and recommend that the wood yarded on the Hudson River, be divided among the

following Wood Inspectors—That the wood yarded South side of Chamber Street to Washington Market be one District, and that John Smith and James Hunt inspect the Wood in said District—The Second District North East and North West of Chamber Street to Read Street, and that John E. Vankleck, Jacob Acker and Brookins of the 12th District inspect the Wood yarded in the aforesaid district—The Third District comprehending all the wood yarded from Jay to Harrison Street between Washington and West Street, and that Joseph D. Smith of the 14th District inspect the last said district

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
*Approved. " Leonard Kip.

[225] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Thomas Hazard Jr. Reported:

" That they deem it inexpedient and improper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, inasmuch as it would be an annoyance to the neighbourhood, and especially in making a storehouse of a part of a public Street, contrary to one of the Ordinances of the Corporation of this City.

" They therefore recommend that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" Leonard Kip:
" John Remmey:
" Jno. M^cComb,
Street Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th Ward, on the Petition of John Baptiste Robin, reported that they had made the necessary enquiry as it relates to the Complaint, and are of opinion that the prayer of the [226] Petitioner ought to be granted by his paying Cost."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" W. F. Van Amringe.

which Report was approved.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 5 ins		$.8.36
Received for Excise		100.00
"	Tavern Licences	117.60
"	Wells & Pumps	100.00
"	Arrears of Taxes	500.00
"	Streets	1,200.00
"	Vendue Sales	2,500.00

Received for Canal Street	$3,000.00	
" Rents	3,735.23	
" Tax 1817. 2d 3d 6th 8th 9th 10th Wds	12,000.00	=23,261.19

27 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson Watch 1st District	1,118.25	
Walton & Hibberd, Watch 2d District	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3d District	413.00	
Jno. Bedient, Coroner, fees for 3 mo. to 1st inst	486.85	
[227] Benj. Crane, Stationary, 3 months to 1st instant	43.25	
Mich. Nangle, Remission of Fine, Ordd by Board 5th inst.	7.90	
R. Munson, 11 Casks Oil of Thomas Hazard Junior	867.75	
Joseph Dederer, Int. on Bond 1 year 3d instant	253.43	
Jno. Anderson, 4th & last Instalt pier foot Fulton St. North River	1500.00	
Reuben Ayres, Carting Dirt on several piers	110.25	
Jno. Parsons, 1st Instalment, Well Division Street	80.37	
Barnes Hatfield, bal. on Well, Cherry near Market Street	56.71	
Blaze Moore, Award for Orange Street	9,028.00	
Daniel Demarest, Award for Provost Street	2,360.00	
John G. Betts, Award for Provost Street	1,600.00	
Alex. L. Stewart, Award for Provost Street	350.00	
Pet. Parcells, regulating Streets & Greenwich Village	500.00	
[228] J. McComb, St. Com., Award Heirs Joseph Marshall decd for Water Street	125.00	
Hugh Smith, paving Cliff St	200.00	
Uzl Freeman, Surveys & Maps, 8th & 9th Wds Ordered 29th Dec.	1075.50	
Edw. Doughty, Surveys St. Comr 29 Dec. 1816 to 9 Nov. 1817	333.90	
Jos. Benson, levelling earth intersect. Pearl & Cherry Sts	25.00	
Abr. Stagg, paving intersect. Pearl & Chatham Streets	2.63	
Edward Henry, repairing Intersections Streets	2.25	
Jas Jenkins, Ironmongery for Engine house Greenwich	338.52	
Francis B. Winthrop, Annual donation to City Dispensary	500.00	
Rich. Furman, Superint. of the Alms House	1,000.00	23,061. 6
Balance		$=200.13

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

[229] In Common Council: January 19. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Presdt
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Jones Jr
Jos. Warren Brackett:	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill:	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	John Remmy
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effing. Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board Returns which had been made to him by the Clerk of the Markets, (agreeably to the Resolutions of the Board,) of the Butchers holding Stalls in the several Markets either by License [230] or Permit—which were directed to be referred to the Market Committee.

A Request of Elijah Secor, to know if the Corporation will sell or lease the Lot at the Corner of Wall and Nassau Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney.

Petitions, of Jeremiah Tier for Stall No. 20 in Catharine Market, and of John Akly for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from Charles McCarty, stating that on the 13th April 1807 Petitioner took a lease for 21 years of a Lot of the Corporation in Cherry Street—that for the purposes of opening Franklin Square the Property has been assessed $63, and for opening Roosevelt Street $456.50 cents—that though perhaps in strictness of law the Petitioner by the terms of the Lease might be compelled to pay the said Assessment, yet as the Improvement [231] enures to the benefit of the Freehold, he conceives that the whole of said Assessment should not be borne by him, and requests the aid of the Common Council—which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney.

A Petition of James Stuart was received, stating that in 1815, in consequence of his house on the Lot at the corner of Oliver and Oak Streets being destroyed by fire, a proportion of the Taxes laid on said Property was remitted. that he has lately been called upon for payment

of said Tax, and praying that the same be remitted—was read and referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney.

A Petition of W. M. Thurman, praying a Remission of Tax laid on him in 1815 far above the ability of Petitioner to pay, was referred to the same Committee.

[232] A Petition of William Scott, praying a Remission of Tax for the year 1814 which he avers he paid to John ONeale the Collector of the 6th Ward, was read and referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Charles Wilkes, stating that during the winter he resided in Chamber Street and during the summer in Greenwich Village —that he had been taxed for his personal property in Chamber Street and had paid it—that he has since been called upon by the Collector of the 9th Ward for personal tax at Greenwich—and praying Relief—which was also referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Francis Hammelin for Remission of Penalty for selling Liquor without Licence, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th Ward to Report.

A Petition of Inhabitants residing [233] in the Bowery, praying the name of the same may be changed to Great Washington Road, was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Communication was received from Jacob Smith Junior, stating that he has invented a Machine for throwing down Chimnies and Walls standing after a fire, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

An Account of some Men of Captain Anderson's Watch for Attending and guarding Goods in the street at the fire in Vesey Street, was presented and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial was received from Richard Varick, stating that the persons employed in digging out for the purpose of regulating Bleecker Street were encroaching on the private property of the Petitioner, and praying the interference of the Board was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants [234] of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner, and, until the Report of the Committee comes in, the persons employed in digging out Bleecker Street are to be instructed by the Street Commissioner to not interfere with the ground as claimed in Petitioner's Memorial.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants and Owners against the opening of Dover Street, and a Remonstrance of William Lawrence against the same, were severally read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Walter Din, for Remission of Penalty incurred under Sunday Law, was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition was received from Benjamin A. Akerly, Visiting Surgeon of the Alms House, stating that from the remote situation of that Establishment from the City considerable expence attended the Visitations to that place, and [235] suggesting the propriety of an allowance to him therefor, was read and referred to the Committee of the Alms House and the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for Building a Pier at Spring Street Basin, which was read and passed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, stating that the Side Walks around the Public grounds were not kept in that state of cleanliness, and were not cleared of snow and ice in the winter season as the public comfort required, and recommending an enquiry generally as to that subject, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and the Street Commissioner.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were passed, and Morris D. Camp was appointed Collector in each—To wit—for regulating Asylum Street—for regulating Herring Street [236] from Christopher Street to Bank Street—and Hammond Street from Washington Street to Greenwich Lane—for regulating Perry Street from Washington Street to Asylum Street—for regulating Washington Street to Asylum Street—for regulating Amos Street from Washington Street to Asylum Street—for regulating Hudson Street from Hammond Street to the 9th Avenue—and for regulating Hudson Street from Charlton Street to Christopher Street.

A Communication was presented by the Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the subject of a Gore of Land which will be left by the Improvement of Cross Street between Pearl and Little Water Streets—which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee appointed on the 8th of December to settle and receive the Balance due this Corporation by the United States for money expended on fortifications during the late War, [237] reported:

"That in pursuance of their Appointment they proceeded to Washington and there laid before the Secretary of War the merits of the claim.

"This Officer appeared fully satisfied of the justice thereof, and evinced every disposition to make a final settlement & to pay the amount, but found himself officially debarred from this course by the decision of his predecessor in the year 1815, who, as it appeared by

the documents of the Office, had expressly declared that the claim could not be allowed by the War Department.

"The Committee then took the course advised by the Secretary of War, and laid the claim of the Corporation before the House of Representatives, together with the necessary explanations and the documents appertaining thereto: where it is believed that it will receive due attention.

"The Members of the House from this City were particularly charged with the business, and every information [238] was given them in relation thereto: in addition to which the Committee received assurance from the Secretary of War that he would afford every facility in the final settlement of the claim."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Ogden Edwards.

which Report was read and directed to be filed.

The Select Committee, on the Petition of James Waring, presented a Report favorable to the Petitioner—whereupon a Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith and agreed to:—to wit

"Resolved, that the Report lie on the Table and that in the mean time the Attorney of the Board be instructed to offer Mr. Waring a new trial and in the event of the suit going against him that the Penalty be enforced."

The Comptroller presented a Release to James Scott for Quit Rent on Lot No. 138 Common Lands which had been commuted for at the usual rate [239] which was directed to be duly executed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies—) to wit

"Fire Engine Company, No. 3."

Christoph. Heiser—Grocer—8 Broad S. 1st Wd—vice John Hill, shifted

"Fire Engine Company, No. 18."

Sam. Gilford—Mercht. 126 William S. 2d Wd—vice Samuel Willets, Resign'd.)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 20."

Isaac Torboss, Sail Mr—101 Front St. 1st Ward—vice Henry Ruckel, Resign'd

Silvanus Osborn, Painter, 60 Cedar St. 1st Ward—vice James Rose, Deceased

The Comptroller, on the account of A. Sherman, reported:

"That the Account of Alpheus Sherman Esquire, Attorney of the Corporation, which was referred to the Finance Committee on the 8th December last, has been examined by them, and found correct: and that the Balance due the Corporation from the 1st May [240] to the 1st November 1817—$76.27 was paid to the Treasurer the 16th instant."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller, on the Petition of Jacob Coutant, reported, that

"On examination it appears that the Petitioner was assessed in the 7th Ward the last year $8900—for personal property, and he admits that he is worth $7000, but owing to a variety of circumstances thinks that there should be some reduction.

"Without entering on the subject of the rate at which he should have been assessed, the precaution taken by the Assessors, agreeably to the amendment made to the law at the last session of the legislature, of giving sufficient notice by printed bills and notices in the public papers of the time and place for hearing appeals,—should preclude any interference after the Tax Books are completed, unless some manifest error which it would be impossible to correct [241] at the time, should make it just and proper. In the present case this does not appear, and at an interview with the petitioner he appeared sensible of the propriety of the above observations. It is therefore respectfully recommended that no further proceedings be had in this business."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances. towit

Dan. Baker	Own. & Occ.	24 Pell St.	Privy.
J. J. Post S. Woodruff	Own. Occ.	65 Church St.	do.
L. Kipp A. McGarr	Lessee Lessee & Occ.	122 Duane St.	do.
J. Bingham M. Dulese	Own. Occ.	148 William S.	do.
T. Ash J. Van Tassel	Own. Occ.	33 Leonard St.	do.

Dan. Baker C. Simpson	Own. Occ.	59	Bayard St.	Privy.
M. McIlwain	Own. & Occ.	66	do.	do.
[242] Mrs. Schipp W. M. Heath	Own. Occ.	60	do.	do.
J. Appley A. Allen	Own. Occ.	64	do.	do.
Wm Mulligan David Hay	Own. Occ.	70	do.	do.
Jas. Clyde	Own & Occ	74	do.	do
J. Emmons C. Stewart	Own. Occ.	76	do.	do
L. Francis do	Own. Occ.	77	do.	do.
J. Appley Wm Underhill	Own. Occ.	83	do	do.
A. Kline J. *Fagaher* [Faghan]	Own. Occ.	93	do.	do.
William Wright do	Own. Occ.	96	do.	do.
J. Emmons M. Curry	Own. Occ.	104	do.	do.
C. Schip do	Own. Occ.	5	Elizabeth St.	do.
J. Frisilier do	Owner Occupant	11	do.	do.
W. & G. Post J. West	Owners Occupt	21	do.	do.
W. & G. Post do	Owners Occupants	28	do.	do.
[243] J. Robinson Wm Hilberton	Own. Occ.	34	do.	do.
Jno. J. Astor N. Jarvis A. Degrushe	Own, Agent Occ	38	do.	do.
J. Young	Lessee & Occ.	39	do.	do.
M. Ackerman	Own. & Occ.	47	do.	do.
C. White	do do	54	do.	do.
A. Smith J. Merrell	Own. Occ.	50	do.	do.

E. Towser	Own.	58 Elizabeth St.	Privy.
J. Oliver	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel presented the following communication—to wit—

"That Augustus Wright Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending the 6th Avenue, has declined acting: it therefore becomes necessary that another Commissioner should be appointed. As the petition is not prepared, the Counsel recommends that it should be executed during the recess of the Board.

[244] "The Counsel also respectfully recommends that the petition for widening Grand Street shall be executed during the recess of the Board."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

whereupon, the Petitions as therein requested were directed to be duly authenticated in the recess of the Board.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury on the subject of a Bill of Indictment against Abel Cole a youth, and complaining of the inexecution of a number of the laws of the Corporation, was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Samuel Tooker and Isaac Pierson, reported:

"That on a reconsideration of the subject of their petition they are satisfied the rent recommended in a former report of theirs for the lots in Duane Street was too high

They beg leave therefore respectfully [245] to recommend

That the Corporation execute to the said Applicants a lease of the two lots alluded to for Twenty one years from the first day of May next at the yearly rent of ninety dollars for each lot. provided the old leases granted by this Board are first cancelled and provided also that this arrangement be completed before the first day of March next, and not otherwise, and also that they improve the said property by building thereon good and substantial brick buildings."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly
" Thos. R. Smith

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Robert Given Junior, reported:

"That in the opinion of your Committee, taking it for granted that the statement of Mr. Given is correct, he still has no just cause of complaint, inasmuch as the Books of Assessment are, according to Law, [246] left open for the inspection of all concerned Ten days: of which public notice is given thro' the medium of the News Papers, and also by Hand bills posted in each ward by the Assessors. To remit the Tax on Mr. Given, therefore, would be a precedent, which in the opinion of your Committee the Corporation ought not to sanction: they therefore recommend that the application of Robert Given Junior be rejected."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Thos. R. Smith.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Adam Thompson, Reported:

"That the piece of ground alluded to was purchased by the Corporation of George Parker on the 9th day of October 1812, free of all incumbrance: and the Canal Assessment was confirmed in August 1810:—it follows, therefore, in the [247] opinion of your Committee, that there is no just claim on the Corporation for any portion of this assessment, but as Parker was owner of the property at the time the assessment was confirmed, the claim of Adam Thomson, if he has any, is on him, and not on the Corporation."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Thos. R. Smith

which Report was approved.

The Street Committee and City Inspector, on the Petition of John R. Livingston, reported:

"That they find John R. Livingston was ordinanced, as above, in the month of June last, which Ordinance was to expire the first of August following; but in consequence of a Petition of the said John R. Livingston praying further time, the Board extended the period to the 1st of October last.

"Your Committee could not [248] learn that any efforts were

made previous to the last mentioned time—they therefore are not of opinion that the proceedings on the part of the Attorney of the Board should be suspended."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" George Cuming
City Inspect.

which was approved.

The Committee on the subject of appointing a Superintendant of Sweeps, presented a Report which was read, and the consideration postponed, and 50 copies directed to be printed under direction of the Committee for the use of members.

The following Resolution was proposed by Alderman Smith and agreed to:

" Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller to consider & report on the expediency of disposing of the public property on what is termed the Collect ground."

[249] The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith, & agreed to:

" Resolved that the Comptroller take measures to dispose of, at public or private sale, under the direction of the Finance Committee, the Lot of ground in Whitehall Street fronting Stone Street and belonging to the Corporation, and if sold at private sale that the Sale be previously approved by this Board."

The following was presented by Alderman Brackett, and agreed to:

" Resolved, that John M^cComb Esqr. the Architect of the City Hall, be requested to procure a suitable gilt Eagle to be placed on the Canopy over the President's Chair in the Common Council Chamber, with such appendage or accompanying Ornaments as he may deem proper for completing his plan of finishing the same."

The Report of the Committee on Public Lands on the subject of the Lands included within the Military Parade, [250] was called up, and after some discussion the whole subject, together with the Report, was referred to the same Committee with the addition of Aldermen Holmes Coles Messieurs Van Amringe Allen.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of increasing the Rates of Slippage, was called up, and, after some time spent thereon, the consideration thereof was postponed.

The following persons were appointed by the Mayor the Committee of Public Offices:—namely—Messieurs Allen: Stevens: and Akerly.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 12 inst	$.200.13	
Recd. for Streets	3140.28	
" " Canal Street	2000.00	
" Penalties—balce Atty's	76.27	
" Jan 1817. 1, 2, 5, 7, & 10 Wards	16,400.00	
		$21,816.68

[251] 16 Accounts Audited.

Jac. Radcliff, Esqr. Mayor, 1 Qr's Salary, 18th inst	1750.00	
Corlis & May—flagg Broad Wy	600.00	
Jas. Meghan, pavg Greenwich St. from Hamersly to Christor	300.00	
Ch. Mooney—pavg Broad Wy. from Pearl to Leonard St..	300.00	
Jno. Sloan, regg Bleecker St	200.00	
Jno. Culbert, pavg White St. from Broad Wy to Elm St...	200.00	
Abr. Stagg—pavg Orange St	43.83	
Isc Halsey, regg Rivington S	176.10	
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange S. from Bayard to Pump S	100.00	
H. Smith, reprg Intersections	11.47	
Jno. Anderson, 3d ins. Bulkhead Fulton St. N. River	1300.04	
Is. Haviland, Hose & Reprs Engines, 1 Aug. to. 23 Dec. 1817.	877.79	
B. Cruger, land—road *Horreshook* [Horns Hook]	2021.78	
L. S. Burling—redemp. Blls Cred	2000.00	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Repairs	800.00	
Rich. Furman—Sup. Alms H	2500.00	13,181.01
	Balance	$=8,635.67

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock.

[252] In Common Council January 26. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	John Remmey
Eldad Holmes	Samuel Akerly
Thomas R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Robert McQueen	Stephen Allen
Geo. Buckmaster	
Arthur Burtis	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Thomas P. Conrey for the appointment of Inspector

of Wood from Wood yards on East River, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Cutting in behalf of the Lessees of Brooklyn Ferry, [253] praying that a Lot at Brooklyn may be leased them for purposes of said Ferry, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A further petition of John R. Livingston, praying a discontinuance of suit against him, was referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector.

A Petition of Thomas Johnson, stating that some Fowls which he had sent to Market for sale had been seized under charge of their having been blown, and his Agent had been fined Ten Dollars which had been paid to the Attorney of the Board—that he denied the fact of their being blown and requested the money might be returned to him or he might have a trial—was read—whereupon it was ordered that the Attorney be authorised to join issue with the Petitioner and cause the same to be tried.

A Petition of Jonathan Solomon, stating that he had been called up- [254] on for payment of a Tax which he alleges he has already paid to John ONeale late Collector of 6th Ward—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Superintendant of Repairs presented a Statement of the Expences of the Pump and Blacksmith Establishment under his direction, and exhibiting the savings in Expence from the former mode of performing that work, which was read and referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A memorial of certain Inhabitants of Kings County to the Legislature, remonstrating against the Repeal of the Proviso of the 5th Section of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent the fishing in Hudson River &c." passed 11th April 1815,was laid before the Board with a request that they would add their sanction to said Remonstrance—which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[255] A Petition from Samuel Piersey for a Stall in Catharine Market, and a Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants residing near Old Slip against erecting a Market at the Old Slip, were read and both referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Clark praying there may be leased to him a Water Lot at Brooklyn lying East of the Steam Boat Ferry for the purpose of erecting thereon a Steam Grist Mill, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller.

An Application of the Orphan Asylum, requesting that the Superintendant of the Alms House might be permitted to put out to Board the children of the Asylum under 18 months of age, was read and referred to the Committee on the Alms House.

A Petition of Frederick Traver to be released from payment of an Assessment for Canal Street laid upon [256] Lots Nos. 1090 and 1091 Bayard's Farm, the lease of which Lots were purchased by him from the Corporation in June 1812 on Sales by them on Assessment for regulating Mulberry Street at the intersection of Spring Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Brown for release from a Judgment recovered against him (for which he is emprisoned) for selling liquor without License, was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying that when the Lot in Whitehall Street opposite Stone Street reserved for an Engine Lot is disposed of it may be sold under the express stipulation that it be occupied by a Building so as to fill up the Vacancy, as in its present situation it is a great Nuisance to the Neighbourhood—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[257] A Statement was received from Samuel Parsons, that in the Deed from the Corporation to him for the Lot at the corner of Fulton and Cliff Streets a material mistake has occurred in the Boundaries as expressed in the Deed, and requesting the same may be amended—which was directed to be referred to the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel.

A Petition was received from Samuel Ratcliff, stating that he is Owner of a Lot at the Corner of Charlton and Hudson Streets, and that he has been assessed for opening Hudson Street from Charlton to Christopher Street the sum of $183.10 cents an amount very far above his proportion of the expence of the same, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Hand Cartmen of the City, praying the Law relative to Porters may be so amended as that Hand Cartmen may be also permitted [258] to use Hand barrows, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of John Jacob Astor and John R. Murray, stating that they had received an Ordinance for filling in Lots at the Corner of Laight and Greenwich Streets, and not having complied with the same a Prosecution has been commenced against them, and praying the Suits against them may be discontinued and time given them until

Spring to complete the same, was read and referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector.

A Petition from Owners of Hackney Carriages, that the Hack Stands may be abolished, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants to the same effect—were read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, praying that the 10th Avenue may be opened from its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road near 143d Street [259] to its intersection with the Kings Bridge Road near the House of Mr. Jumel, was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the Inhabitants near Corlaers Hook, praying that Water Street may be paved from the Point of Corlaers Hook to its junction with Jefferson Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies—) to wit

"Fire Engine Company, No. 34."

Hiram Worden, Dyer, Gilbert St. 8 Ward, vice Bela Bacon, refused to serve

A. W. Hutchinson, Mercht. Greenwich L. 9 Wd vice James Angevine, Resign'd.

Pet. Westervelt, Carptr, Commerce St. 8th Ward vice Peter Depew, Christoph. St. 8th W who has resigned.

Chs. Cromwell, Dyer, Gilbert St. 8th Ward vice William Cahoone, App. F. Warden

[260] The Counsel stated that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate for opening Bancker Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and he recommended that a Collector be appointed—whereupon Morris D Camp was appointed Collector.

He also presented for approbation and confirmation of the Board a Deed from Gurden S. Mumford for ground now to be occupied as an Alley called Courtland Alley, and a Lease in Perpetuity from the Corporation to said Gurden S. Mumford for the ground formerly occupied as Courtland Alley—which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Division Street near Arundel Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for Repairing the Sewer at Peck Slip—[261] which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented, agreeably to Order, a Profile of Harman Street so as to be laid before the Commissioners of Estimate, which was confirmed.

The Committee on the proposal of Jacob Smith Junior respecting a Machine for throwing down Chimnies, reported:—

"That they have examined the machine, and are of opinion that it will answer a good purpose, and as the expence will be very trifling, they have directed the Superintendant of Repairs to provide one."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert M^cQueen
" A. L. Underhill
" Thomas Franklin

which Report was approved.

The Road Committee presented the Draught of a Contract proposed to be entered into with John Randel Junior [262] for making a Map of the Island of New York, which was directed to be referred to Mr. Stevens: Aldermen Brackett: Smith.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances:—to wit

Heirs of Estate of Mr. Ready, Deceased, Dan. M^cCormick	Agt.	87 Orange St.	Lot.
M. Stillwell	Lessee	Pike c. Bancker	Privy
R. Burnside	Occ.		
W. Treadwell	Lessee	65 Church St.	do.
Dr. S. Woodruff, Mrs. Hathaway, Miss Sutton and Mr. Dixon,	Occupants.		
J. Emmons	Own.	39 Mott St	do
S. Dobbs	Occ.		
Geo. Warner	Own.	43 do.	do
Reid & Anderson	Occ.		
W^m Werts	Own. & Occ.	60 do.	do
Jno. Campbell	do. do.	69 do.	do
E. Lane	Own.	71 do.	do
J. Duffee	Occ.		
Jno. Giles	Own. & Occ.	78 do.	do
[263] Reid & Anderson,	Own.	75 do.	do
J. Ackerman	Occ.		

Thos. B. Barker,	Own. & Occ.	84	Mott St.	Privy
C. Van Houtenstrop,	do. do.	94	do.	do.
Jas. Downey P. Rice	Own. Occ.	100	do.	do
P. Ackerman,	Own. & Occ.	108	do	do
M. Vermilya J. Hill	Own. Occ.	111	do	do
C. Rennouf,	Lessee & Occ.	129	do.	do
P. Gillespie R. Anderson	Own. Occ.	130	do.	do
E. Gallagher,	Lessee & Occ.	135	do	do
Mrs. Lumbre	do. do.	136	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspect.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Report of the Special Committee, on the subject of establishing a Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street and at Oliver Street, was called up—The reading of the Reports being called for, the Report of the Committee of Wharves, Street Commissioner & Comptroller (dated Dec. 8) was as follows:—

"That they have made the [264] necessary enquiry, examined the premises and find that the accommodations for Market and other Boats at the new or James Slip is very limited and deficient of room for the safety and convenience of Market and other boats that ply there.

"It does appear to your Committee that the water applied for the enlargement of the aforesaid Slip will be a very desirable improvement for the purposes petitioned for, and likewise so central for the convenience of all the North and Easterly part of our Citizens.

"It seems as if nature had pointed out this spot for a Slip where Vessels can lie with so much safety at all seasons of the year owing to an eddy always making at that place.

Your Committee believe if the Water petitioned for should be taken for the purposes therein mentioned, it will not cost the Corporation Six thousand dollars at present and probably not more for some years to come

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" Jno. McComb, St. Com

(Special Com. Report over leaf.)

[265] The Report of the Special Committee was, as follows:—

"That they have taken the subject into consideration, and given it all the deliberation which a very important question of public and relative utility seemed to require: and one of the first circumstances that occurred to them was the necessity of having more water reserved for public Slips. This your Committee understand has been often recommended, and they deem it sufficiently important to be kept constantly in view. The comparative amount of revenue to be derived from such slips, when brought into view with the Water grants as usually made, Your Committee consider as belonging to the Comptroller. They however entertain no doubt that a respectable portion of revenue, equal to a due rate of interest, may be drawn from Slippage, and that the rates now paid would bear enhancing, without prejudice to the public interest.

"Your Committee therefore have found it their duty to recommend [266] that both the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt and James Slip, and those at the foot of Oliver Street should be reserved for public purposes; and that neither of those situations should be suffered to become exclusively private property or be appropriated to private use.

"Your Committee, however, are of opinion that the greatest public convenience would result from taking the waters first mentioned (and reported on by the respectable Committee before noticed,) for public use. Some local advantages, coupled with the consideration ot a much smaller immediate expence, point to this preference of the waters between Roosevelt and New Slip. These advantages may be readily understood by a view of a Map of the two places, herewith exhibited.

"Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James Slip be now taken and occupied as a public Slip, and that those at [267] the foot of Oliver Street be reserved for public use, and be occupied for public purposes, whenever public convenience may require such occupation.

"Your Committee cannot conclude, without expressing their regret that the Report of a previous Committee should have been referred to them. A Copy would have furnished all the information, (if information was necessary after so recent a discussion), and,

viewing the course as unparliamentary, they earnestly hope it will not be drawn into precedent."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett
" Arthur Burtis
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Jno. B. Coles,

The Remonstrances against the establishing the Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street were also read. Mr. Allen then moved that from the Report the words "between the foot of Roosevelt Street." be stricken out, and instead thereof to insert "at the foot of Oliver Street including so much [268] on each side of said Street as will be sufficient to make a Slip of One Hundred and ten feet in width clear of the piers." A motion was made that the consideration be postponed, until the 1st of June.

The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative as follows:—

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Coles Brackett Underhill Holmes Burtis Thorp Munson Mr Stevens Van Amringe Taylor Remmey

Affirmative. Aldermen Buckmaster McQueen Mr. Akerly Smith.

Mr. Stevens then presented the following resolution as an Amendment:

"Resolved that the Attorney enquire and report to the Board the legal mode pointed out by the [269] Statute to take Slips and that he examine the grants given by this Board to the Owners of Property lying between James' Slip and Minturn and Champlins Wharf and that he report the different interests, whether they be in Water grants, Bulkheads, Wharves or Piers which will be valued in taking the Slip between the above points." The question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative. Alderman Smith then presented the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Attorney be directed to report at the next meeting what will be the expence, as near as it can be ascertained, of establishing a Slip at Roosevelt Street to James' Slip, and also the expence of establishing a Slip, at the foot of Oliver Street 110 feet in the clear from Pier to Pier." The question being taken thereon it passed in the negative. The question was then taken on the first Amendment proposed by Mr. Allen and it passed in the Negative.

[270] An Amendment was then proposed by Mr. Allen to limit the expenditure on the part of the Corporation to the Sum of $8000.

An Amendment of similar import, directing the Committee on that subject to make Arrangements with the proprietors and for that amount, was proposed by Mr. Akerly—both of which were withdrawn to give way to the following Resolution proposed by Mr. Stevens:—

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be authorized to treat with the Owners of property lying between James' Slip and Minturn & Champlin's Wharf, including half the wharf on each side, and that they bargain for the same, provided they can obtain the said property or the Major part thereof at or after the rate of $8000 for the whole." The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee on the Petition for widening Dover Street presented a [271] Report, which was read and laid for consideration,

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 19 ins	$8,635.67	
Deduct Amt carrd to Sinking Fund 25 p Ct. on property sold	3,208.75	
	5,426.92	
Recd for Rents	2,895.53	
" " Excise	200.00	
" " Mayoralty Fees	133.25	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.00	
" " Tax 1817. 8 & 9 Wds	2000.00	
" " Canal Street	2000.00	
" " Streets	3412.47	16,568.17

24 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1 dis	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do 2 do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do 3 do	413.00
J. McComb, St. Commissioner, 1 Quarter's Salary, 12 inst.	500.00
Ogden Edwards, drawg Convey. and services at Washington	262.61
Jac. Morton, Sundry small expences pd from 11 June	118.00
[272] Mercantile Advertiser—6 months to 1 inst	75.00
Th. R. Smith—Exp. himself & O. Edwards, to Washington & back, for claims on U. S	239.50
J. McComb, Commissioners' & Attorns fees, Lombardy St.	838.47
J. McComb, Commissioners' & Attorns fees, Maiden Lane.	808.94
Uz. W. Freeman, Surveys and Maps for Street Commissioner 8 June to 12 inst	331.94
Thos. Scott, pavg Orange St. from Pump to Hester St	150.00
Jno. Culbert, to account for paving White Street	100.00
Thomas Scott, on account for paving State Street	100.00
Jno. Parsons, 1st Instalt Well, Bowery near Jones S	93.06
Thos. Ridgway, digging Well in Amos Street	57.10
Benj. Hill & Reub. Ayres, filling basin Dey Street	500.00

Th. Barnum, Superintendg Wharves & Piers 24 days.....	48.00	
[273] Robert Provoost, glazing Lamps for December.....	79.40	
William H. Burn, for Redeeming Bills Credit 23 Jan. to 15 Nov. 1817	552.54	
B. O Blenis, Balce Police Off. 31 December 1817.....	143.77	
Simon & R. Remsen 1 year's int. on bonds, 15th inst.....	369.86	
Jac. P. Roome, Superintend. of Repairs, to pay workmen &c. for repairs.....	1100.00	
Rich. Furman, Superintend. of the Alms House.....	2000.00	10,681.94
	Balance	$5.886.23

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock.

[274] In Common Council:—February 2. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Presidt
Richard Riker Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thos. R. Smith	John Remmey
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Effing. Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Pump in Bleecker Street near Laurens Street was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Abraham Storms was received, stating that he had [275] built by Contract for the Corporation a Bulkhead at Crane Wharf—that shortly after it slipped out into deeper water and thereby occasioned him an additional expence of more than Six hundred dollars—and praying relief—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves and Street Commissioner.

A further Petition of Robert Latimer, stating that by his Contract for working the 8th Avenue he has suffered great losses, and tho' he considered himself entitled to a larger Sum from the Corporation, yet will be content to receive the sum of Two thousand dollars in full of the work performed—whereupon, resolved that it be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of the American Academy of the Fine Arts for further time for payment of their proportion of the expence incurred in repairs to the New York Institution—was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[276] A Petition from the French Benevolent Society for pecuniary aid was read and directed to be laid on the Table.

A further petition of Thomas P. Conrey, for appointment of Inspector of Wood, and a petition from Caleb Sutton for appointment of Measurer of Grain—were read and referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Petition of John Jenkins, Author of a Treatise on Penmanship, praying the aid and sanction of the Corporation to carry his plan into operation, was read and referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences.

A further Application of Richard Varick, complaining of the encroachments on his property by the digging out of Bleecker Street, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, stating that great advantages would [277] result to the Community from an appointment of an Inspector of Cut-Stone Work and of Laths, and recommending an application to the Legislature for authority to appoint such officers—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of James Gardner, Butcher, to be permitted to continue to sell Meat at No. 94 Hester Street—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas and William Benton, stating that they were Owners of a Lot fronting on Wall Street and adjoining a Lot on the corner of Nassau and Wall Streets claimed by the Corporation, and praying that the Corporation will sell to them the said corner lot was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner stated that the sum of Seven hundred dollars was awarded to Catharine Duryee, as guardian of her infant children Mary and [278] John Kip, for ground taken to widen Bridge Street and for which a Warrant had issued, and he was directed to deliver the same on being satisfied of her authority to receive it—and he submitted an opinion of Silvanus Miller Surrogate of the City and County on the subject—whereupon the same was referred to the Attorney of the Board for his opinion.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Amos Street near Hudson Street, and for one in the Bowery near Great

Jones' Street, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector of the former and N. Jarvis of the latter.

The Attorney, in behalf of the Counsel, presented a Deed to Samuel Parsons. for a Lot at the corner of Fulton and Cliff Streets, in which the mistake in the Boundaries of the former Deed was corrected—Whereupon it was resolved, that the former Deed be delivered to the Clerk to be cancelled and that [279] thereupon the Deed now presented be duly executed.

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of a letter he had received from the Clerk of Kings County, stating that the Board of Supervisors of said County had agreed to present a Memorial to the Legislature to repeal the "Act the more effectually to ascertain and determine the true value of Real Estates within this State" passed 15th April 1817 in as far as the Aggregate valuation of Real Estates as lately made out and corrected under the authority of the United States is made the valuation of this State—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

Two Remonstrances against the Law respecting Swine, and praying the same may be repealed, were read. Mr. Stevens moved that they be referred to the Committee to whom the former Remonstrance was referred. The question being taken thereon, it passed [280] in the Negative. Mr. Taylor then moved that the Law be repealed. The question being taken thereon, and a Division having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:—

Affirmative. Aldermen Holmes McQueen Buckmaster Thorp Munson Mr. Remmey Akerly Taylor Schieffelin 9

Negative. Aldermen. Coles Underhill Smith Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Allen 7

whereupon, Resolved, that the Law respecting Swine, passed on the day of , be, and the same is hereby repealed. Mr. Akerly presented an Amendment to the Law, which was laid on the Table.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th Ward, on the Petition of F. Hammelin, Reported, that in their opinion leave should be given to petitioner to [281] withdraw his Petition—which Report was approved.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to an Order to have the Elevation of the Hudson and East Rivers taken at Canal Street and Roosevelt Street Slip, for the purpose of ascertaining the difference of Level at those points at certain times of the tide, submitted a Report of the Surveyors, which was as follows:—

"That after levelling across the City from the said points and reexamining and testing the said levels at several different times with all possible care and accuracy, we are satisfied that we are warranted in saying that on the 27th day of June inst. (the day being calm but somewhat cloudy,) at 8 o'clock A. M. the surface of the water in the said Rivers was level, and that at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes the East River was 2 inches the highest—

At 9 o'clock 1¾ inches the highest.
" 9½ " 8¼ " do
" 10 " 1¾ " do.
" 10½ " 2 " do.

[282] At 11 o'clock 2¾ inches the highest.
" 11½ " 2¾ " do.
" 12 " 2¾ " do.
" 12½ " 2¾ " do.
" 1 (low water) 1¾ " do.
" 1½ o'clock 1½ " do.
" 2 " 0½ " do.
" 2½ " 0¼ " do.
" 3 " 0½ " the lowest.
" 3½ " 1½ " do.
" 4 " 2 " do.
" 4½ " 1¾ " do.
" 5 " both rivers on a level.
" 5½, East R. 2 inches the lowest.
" 6 " 1¼ " do.
" 6½ both on a level.
" 7 East R. 1 inch the highest.
" 7½ (high water) 3 " do.
" 8 o'clock 3 " do.

It appears from the above observations that the surface of the two Rivers is nearly on a level at all times of tide, except some sudden influx of the Current may give one a small but momentary elevation above the other."

Steph. Ludlum
Uzal Freeman
Edwd Doughty.

[283] "N. B. The examination, as relates to the different times of the tide, was made by S. Ludlum on the East and by E. Doughty on the North River."

"At one o'clock the Current in the East River about two thirds over toward the Brooklyn Side ceased to run down, and at a quarter past one the flood commenced, that is the Current began to set up, but the Current on the New York Side about one third across continued to run down until twenty minutes past two, and at half past two the flood commenced and the current began to set up—at which time the surface of the River had risen eleven and an half inches."

(sign'd) Stephen Ludlum.
City Surveyor.

"N. B. In the above observations, attention was only paid to the general Current of the River, and not to the Inshore eddies."

whereupon, the above Report was directed to be filed.

[284] The Comptroller reported the following Proposition:—

"That the following Property belonging to the Corporation should be disposed of at Public Auction on Friday the 20th instant, under the direction of the Committee of Finance:

29 Lots of Ground fronting on Anthony, Leonard and Collect Streets.

6 Cellars under Catharine Market, for 3 years from the 1st May next.

The Upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge (late 3d) Street for 3 years from 1st May next.

The Upper part of the Watch House in Spring Street for One year from 1st May next.

The Ferry at Manhattanville for 1 year.

It is also recommended, that sealed proposals should be advertised for, and received till the 16th inst. for the Street Manure of the City, for One year from 1st May next."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

The Finance Committee also on the subject of the disposal of the Collect Lots, re- [285] ferred to them on the 19th January, Reported:

"That by an examination of the Map of this ground, there appears to be in the possession of the Corporation, twenty eight Lots and a small gore as follows:

Nine Lots on Westerly side of Collect Street between Anthony & Leonard Streets.

Twelve Lots on Easterly side of Collect Street between Anthony and Leonard Streets.

Seven Lots on Easterly Side of Collect Street between Leonard and Franklin Streets.

One Gore on Westerly Side of Leonard between Collect and Orange Streets.

Some of this ground was once reserved with a view to a public Market: but this building having lately been located in the neighbourhood, it does not appear that any part thereof will be required for public purposes, and at present it lies entirely unproductive. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the aforesaid Lots and Gore be sold at Auction on the 20th instant, under the di- [286] rection of the Finance Committee and Comptroller."

(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
"	Leonard Kip
"	Reuben Munson
"	Stephen Allen

On the question of agreeing to the Sale of said Lots, a Division having been called by Alderman Coles, it passed in the affirmative by a vote of all the Members excepting Mr. Stevens who was excused from voting and Alderman Coles who voted in the Negative. It was then Resolved, that the subject of the Lease of the Street Manure for the ensuing year, mentioned in the Comptroller's Report be referred to the Committee on Streets, and that the Remainder of said report be carried into effect under the direction of the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of 15 Nuisances—to wit—

Jno. McQueen J. Calihan	Exec Own. Occ.	13	Mott St	Privy
D. Guion	Own. & Occ.	81	Mulberry S.	do
[287] Rob. McDermut R. Kingsland	Own. Occ.	162	Greenwich S.	do
W. Blakely J. Crary	Own. Occ.	164	do.	do.
A. Bolen D. Hoyd	Own. Occ.	83	Mulberry	do
E. Smith E. Boyd	Own. Occ.	93	do.	do.
Sl Jones Jr C. Treadwell	Own Occ.	103	do	do.
Ds Boyle	Own. & Occ.	113	do.	do.
E. Scholly	do. do.	114	do.	do.

M. McCracken	Own. & Occ.	115	Mulberry	Privy
Jno. Wood	Own.	116	do.	do.
P. Jolley	Occ.			
G. Tappen	Own.	123	do.	do.
A. *Tricker* [Tucker]	Occ.			
G. Tappen	Own.	125	do.	do.
J. McKensie	Occ.			
G. S. Mumford	Own.	135	do.	do.
E. Brown	Occ.			
Jos. Carter	Own.	136	do.	do.
do	Occ.			

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

[288] The following Appointments of Firemen and Fire Wardens were made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 4."

David Redfield, Taylor, 12 Old Slip, 1st Ward an additional Member.

"Fire Engine Company No. 7."

Rob. Theall—Morocco Dr—66 Bayard S. 6th Ward, vice Willet Coles, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 18."

Ed. Banker, Accountt, 34 Vandewater S. 4th Wd vice Sam. Guilford Jr. Sick.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 32."

Adam Hertell Jr. Butcher—North St. 10 Ward, vice Fred. Hinegar, Resigned.

Sam. L. Lord, Carpenter, Mott St. 8 Ward, vice Abij. Pearsall, Resigned.

"Fire Wardens of the 7th Ward."

Jno. Buckmaster, Boat Br Cherry St. 7 Ward, vice William Ball, Resigned.

Wm Burk, Block Maker, 22 Harman S. 7 Ward, vice Mich. M. Titus, Resigned.

The Special Committee; to whom was referred the Contracts drawn by the Counsel of the Board to be executed by the Corporation and John Randel Junior—[289] Reported:

"That the said Contracts relate to the subject of an additional Map of the Island of New York, to delineate the Monuments, Avenues, Streets, Buildings, Boundary lines of property, Creeks and the face of the Country generally.

"Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Board, as far back as November 1812, and find that the Board, on the seventh of the same month, agreed to and adopted a Report of the then Committee of Surveys, which Report, and a Resolution contained therein, authorized the said Committee to agree with John Randel Junior for a Map of the Description abovementioned.

"Your Committee have not learnt that any written Contract or Agreement was ever entered into on this subject: but the Board, by accepting the said Report, authorised the said Committee to give Mr. Randel five dollars per day, while he should be employed in this Work, provided the whole expence [290] should not exceed Four thousand dollars. And your Committee are satisfied from the Documents which they have examined, and from the information which they have obtained from the then Committee of Surveys, that they did actually agree with Mr. Randel for the work in question, and to pay him for the same the sum of Thirty three hundred dollars, and that, in conformity with said agreement, Mr. Randel has considerably progressed in the work.

"Your Committee, under these circumstances, therefore, recommend that the Board execute the said Contract.

"They farther take the liberty to add that the mode of authorising Committees to enter into Contracts of such magnitude is attended with much inconvenience, as such Contracts, when occasion requires to refer to them afterwards, are never to be found, and probably often, as in this case, never properly entered into."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" J. Warren Brackett
" Th. R. Smith

[291] which Report was approved, and the Contract directed to be duly executed.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Petition of the Hand Cartmen, Reported:—That they

"see no difficulty in complying with the prayer thereof: provided it is not construed to include Wheel Barrows—They therefore would

recommend that the Petitioners be allowed to use Hand Barrows—which would seem to be the object they have in view."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved, and the Attorney was directed to report an Amendment to the Law agreeably thereto.

The Alms House Committee, on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton to give the Superintendant of the Alms House permission to board out Orphan Children of the age of Two years and under, Reported: That they

" have had the subject under [292] their consideration, together with the advice of all the Commissioners of the Alms House (save one) and beg leave to report, that they all concur in the opinion that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved.

The Committee, on the petition of sundry Inhabitants of Kings' County, relating to the Shad Fishery in Hudson River, reported:

" That the obstructions by poles and Gill nets are very injurious to the Shad Fishery, and should not be allowed, independent of the obstructions to navigation.

" Your Committee are also of opinion that the shad-fishery is of considerable importance to the city of New York, as in the months of April and May when shad are in plenty butchers' meat and other provisions are dear, and that in order to preserve [293] the annual supply of shad, no obstructions should be permitted in the river that would tend to prevent the return of those fish to their usual haunts. It is well known that shad are migratory fish and that they visit annually the same rivers to cast their spawn and return with their young to the depths of the ocean or other places of retreat and safety. The numbers that frequent our Bay and the Hudson River are already much less than in former years and it is feared that if additional obstructions are suffered to be placed in the River, the Run of shad in a few years will be entirely destroyed. Wherefore the Committee concur in opinion with the Inhabitants of Kings' County that the Law " to protect the fishery in Hudson River and to prevent obstructions in the navigation thereof " should not be repealed."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson.
" Samuel Akerly.

which Report was approved, and the Clerk was authorised to give to the Petitioners a certified Copy thereof.

[294] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for paving Water Street, Reported: That they

"recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted—and that an Ordinance be passed for regulating and paving Water Street, from the south side of Clinton Street to Corlears Street:—and that Water Street between Rutgers' Slip and Clinton Street be opened and regulated, as soon as Colonel Rutgers shall have filled up the Street—which work is now progressing."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" Jno. M^cComb
Street Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Special Committee, on the Petition of the Managers of the House of Industry, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

[295] The Finance Committee, on the Case of Beekman M. Van Beuren and the application of the Heirs of Thomas Gardner, Reported, as follows:—

"It appears that Mr. Van Beuren, in the year while Commissioner of Excise and Receiver of Tavern Licenses, became a delinquent to the Corporation for about nine hundred dollars; of which sum Four hundred and seventy dollars were secured to them by Colonel Jasper Ward.

"That, with a view to satisfy the Board and relieve himself from his liability, Colonel Ward caused to be conveyed to them by Mr. Van Beuren two certain Lots of ground situated, one on the corner of Prince and Wooster Streets, the other in Mercer Street, which lots have been examined by a Committee of the Board and have been estimated at Two thousand dollars—on these Lots are Two Mortgages—one to Thomas Gardner for Five hundred dollars; the other also to the said Thomas Gardner for Two hundred and fifty dollars.

[296] "As the Committee are of opinion that there is no better method to settle this debt due by Mr. Van Beuren than to accept these lots in payment, and believing the property sufficient for the purpose, they recommend that measure—and that Mr. Van Beuren and Colonel Jasper Ward be discharged from the suit now pending, on payment of all costs

"And they farther recommend that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting for the amount of said Gardner's Mortgages with the Interest due thereon."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly
Finance Comm.

which Report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant agreeably to said Report of the Committee.

[297] The Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney, on the petition of William Scott, reported:

"That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and, in their opinion, ought to be granted: they therefore recommend that Mr. T. W. Gilbert, the Collector of arrears of Taxes be directed by the Comptroller to close the account for taxes against Mr. Scott for the year 1813."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. N. Bleecker Comp.
" Alph. Sherman

which Report was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Chrystie Street, Reported:

"That they have measured the same (house) and find it to stand thirty one Inches in the Street; it being a small house and of very little value, recommend that the Street Com- [298] missioner be, and he is hereby directed to take measures to have it removed by the first day of May next."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" John Mc Comb Street Comr

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee &c. on the Petition of Charles Wilkes, Reported:

"That they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the memorialist is entitled to relief—They therefore recommend that

the Comptroller instruct the Collector of the 9th Ward, on being shown Mr. Wilkes's Receipt for personal tax for the year 1817 paid in the 3d Ward, to decline collecting the personal tax assessed to him in the 9th Ward in the same year; noting in the margin of his Tax Book the reason therefor."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. N. Bleecker, Comp.
" Alpheus Sherman. Att.

[299] which Report (on page 298) was approved.

The Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney, on the Petition of Charles McCarthy, Reported:

" That they have duly considered the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner is justly entitled to relief.

" The principle therein set forth appears to them just and equitable and such as this Board will always be governed by: which is—that the owner of property and not the lessee should pay all assessments for improvements, excepting so much as the latter may be benefitted thereby: notwithstanding any general provision in the lease which might be construed otherwise.

"It is therefore proposed, that the Collector of the Franklin Square Assessment be instructed to receive from the said Charles McCarthy Thirty dollars instead of sixty three, in full satisfaction for his Assessment for said [300] Square: which sum will be about the Commutation of interest on the full Assessment

" And also that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for improvement of Roosevelt Street be requested to assess to C. McArthy only so much as they may deem him benefitted thereby, he being a Lessee for an unexpired term of years, and the residue to the Corporation."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Alph. Sherman, Att.
" G. N. Bleecker Compt.

which Report was approved.

The Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer, to whom was referred the Petition of William Harriman—reported—that the complaint was malicious, and recommended that the suit be

withdrawn without any costs—which Report of said Committee was approved.

[301] The Market Committee, on the Petition of Nicholas Steel and Matthias Smith for Stalls No. 2 and No. 3 in Fly Market reported in favor of Petitioners, and that Licenses should be given them accordingly—which Report was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of Jacob Pessinger, reported, that Stall No. 41 Catharine Market be assigned to him—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of Caleb Conklin, reported, that Stall No. 22 Fly Market be assign'd to him—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of John J. Fink and Abraham Vermilyea, reported that the prayer of the petition of John J. Fink be granted, and that he have leave to occupy Stall No. 1 in Washington Market, and that he have License therefor—which was approved.

[302] The same Committee, on the petition of John Akley, reported that Stall No. 35 Catharine Market be assigned to him, and that he have License therefor—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the Petition of Jeremiah Tier for Stall No. 20 in Catharine Market reported in his favor, and that he have License therefor—which was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 9th Ward, on Petition of Cyrenus Bartholf, reported that the prayer of Petitioner be granted on his payment of costs—which was approved.

The Committee, on the Petition of Robert Latimer for Remission of Fine, reported that the same be remitted on his payment of costs—which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Frederick Traver for relief on assessment, reported:

"That the facts therein set [303] forth are correct—and, as the lots were sold to the Petitioner by the Corporation without any reference to this Tax for a term of years in order to pay other assessments, it would be unjust to compel him to pay this tax which was a lien on the property in the year 1810, and of which he was entirely ignorant.

"It is therefore recommended that the Collector of the Canal Street Assessment be directed by the Comptroller to desist from demanding this Tax from the present Lessee; but that the sum of

Twenty five dollars sixty one cents be considered as a lien on the Lot, to be collected after the expiration of the present lease."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly

which Report of the Committee of Finance was approved.

[304] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Campbell, relative to the Canal Street Assessment, reported, " that on examining the case, they find Mr. Campbell's claim to rest on the same basis as that of Frederick Traver, and therefore recommend to the Board that relief be granted him in the same manner=the amount is Sixteen Dollars."

(sign'd) The whole Committee,
[as on page 303.]

which Report was approved.

The Same Committee, on the subject of the disposal of the Lot in White Hall Street, Reported:

" That they have bestowed considerable attention on the subject, and have weighed well the intention of the Board, when the Bridge-Street and other adjacent public property was sold, of erecting an Engine house on the Lot, together with the objections made by Mr. John Hone to improving it in any other manner

[305] " and have come to the conclusion of recommending to the Board the erection of a cheap Brick Building Two Stories high, 25 feet by 30 feet, the residue to be left for the yard. The first story to be so constructed, that it may, when wanted, be used for an Engine House, and the Second be finished in a manner similar to the upper part of the Engine house in Beaver Street. The building to be commenced as soon as the weather will permit, and to be finished, if possible, before the 1st day of May.

" And farther that these premises be let or leased at auction for one or more years by the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reub. Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved, and it was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to carry the same into effect.

[306] The Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner (dated 26 Jany.) relative to opening Dover Street, was called up, (after the presentation of a Remonstrance by Henry Fanning, Executor of the Estate of F. Devoe Deceased) and appeared as follows:

"That it will be a benefit to that part of the City, if Dover Street was widened, and tend to enhance the value of the property in that Street, as well as to promote the convenience of the trading part of the Community by affording another communication with the River

"And if the Common Council should agree with your Committee that this improvement ought to be carried into effect, they would recommend that the Alteration be made agreeably to a plan accompanying this Report."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb St. Comr

On the question of agreeing to this Report, it was carried in the Affirmative—[307] and the Counsel was directed to take legal measures for effecting the same.

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution respecting Runaway Slaves confined by their Masters in Bridewell—which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Mr. Stevens also presented a Resolution on the subject of Expences in Opening Streets—which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution making it the duty of the Clerk of the Common Council, immediately after the induction of a New Board, to apply to the Ex-members for all Corporation Papers in their possession—which was agreed to.

He also presented a Resolution on the subject of Amendments to a Law relative to improvement in laying out of Streets, so as to extend the [308] same to Wharves, Piers, Slips &c—which was read and laid for consideration.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution requesting the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbour to make their Report of the Funds of the Institution agreeably to Law—which was read and laid on Table.

Ordered—that the Law relative to the appointment of an Inspector of Chimney Sweepers be the Order of the day for the next Meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 26 Jany	$5,886.23	
Received for Mayoralty Fees	89.00	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Streets	1,300.00	8275.23

16 Accounts Audited.

Jac. Morton—Clerk Com. Coun. 1 quarter's Salary 1st inst.	312.50	
R. Graves Assist. St. Commis. 1 Quarter's Sal 1 inst.	375.00	
G. Sickels Keepr City Pris. and 2 assist—1 Qr. Sal 1 inst.	350.00	
[309] Astin & Cochran, Messengers. 1 month 1 inst.	60.00	
Wm J. Waldron, Asst Cit. Inspect. 1 month 1 inst.	54.00	
Obadiah Ayres, do do do	54.00	
Sam. Hutchings, St. Inspect. 1 mo 1 inst.	54.00	
Jonath. Weeden do do do	54.00	
Dan. H. Magee, Keep. Potter's F. 1 mo 1 inst.	46.50	
Geo. Snethen, Supdt light. lamps. 1 mo 1 inst.	772.59	
Conrad Jordan, Wk Lamp Posts 1 Qr 1 inst.	33.12	
Jac. Vincent, repair. Broad Wy at the Stone Bridge.	12.88	
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange St.	100.00	
Jno. Sloan, regulg Bleecker St.	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, pavg Orange St.	300.00	
Ogden Edwards, Attornys & Court charges, openg Banker Street	992.04	= 3,770.63
	Balance	$=4,504.60

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue, on Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

[310] Bellevue

In Common Council:—February 5. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
J. Warren Brackett	John Remmey
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Akerly
Thos. R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Robert McQueen	Stephen Allen
Geo. Buckmaster	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson	

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution, referring it to a Committee to enquire and report as to measures which are necessary to extend the practice of Vaccination—which was agreed to and referred to Aldermen Brackett Coles Munson Smith Messieurs Stevens Akerly

[311] Alderman Smith presented a Resolution, instructing the

Market Committee to enquire into the expediency of permitting Waggons and other Carriages from the country to stand at the head of certain Slips in the City, and there dispose of their produce—which was approved.

This being the period of the Quarterly Visitation of the Alms House and Penitentiary Establishments at Bellevue, the Board adjourned and proceeded to visit the Departments connected with the said Establishments.

[312] In Common Council February 9. 1818

Present. Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	John Remmey
Eldad Holmes	Samuel Akerly
Thos. R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	
Robert McQueen	
Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson	

A further Petition of Maria Williamson, stating that herself and Matthew V. Gibson presented a Memorial to the Corporation praying relief on a Suit commenced against them for breach of Fire Law—that said Memorial was referred to the Committee on Laws, and that said Committee had not yet reported on the same—that they understand it to be a rule of proceeding [313] in the Common Council that on a subject being referred to a Committee all further proceedings are of course stayed until the Report of the Committee thereon, unless a special order to the contrary is made—that no such special order was made in the present case—and that further proceedings have been made by the Attorney of the Corporation—and praying relief. The same being read was referred to the Committee on the former petition, namely the Committee on Laws—and that all proceedings cease until the report of said Committee or further order of the Board.

A Petition of James Amory was received, stating that he is Lessee of two of the Common Land Lots, the term of which is nearly expired—that he is desirous of purchasing the fee of those Lots or will sell the fee simple Lots which he bought near those Lots—and requesting the Common Council to consider the same—which was referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

[314] A further Memorial from Robert Latimer on the subject of the 8th Avenue, consenting to leave it to the Corporation as to the Corporation's Compensation toward him—was read and ordered to be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from Joseph Board, Elbert Anderson and Henry Heiser, stating that in the grant to them of the Water Lots on the Hudson River, a mistake has in their apprehension been made as to the amount of the Quit Rent reserved in their grants, and praying a Revision of the same—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Petition of Hugh McCormick for License as a Hand Cartman—was read and referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg for an advance to him of the amount of his Contract for regulating & paving Mulberry Street and Orange Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[315] A Petition of Hart and Belden was received stating that they have been the Lessees from the Corporation of the Room over the Watch House in Eldridge Street, and have established therein a respectable School—and they wish that instead of renting the same at auction, the Corporation would affix a rent on the same and give them a Lease thereof for some years—whereupon it was ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants residing near the corner of Oak and Pearl Streets complaining of the great assemblage of Boys in the vicinity for the purpose of sliding down the Hill in that Neighbourhood, a practice exceedingly annoying from the noise, hazardous to the Citizens passing and injurious to the Morals of the Boys from the habits of idleness it induces and from the very improper associations there formed—was presented and read. An Ordinance [316] prohibiting the practice was presented by Alderman Brackett, which was read and after some discussion was referred to the Committee on Sunday Laws.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 16 Nuisances, towit

Hen. G. Disbrow,	Lessee	142	Division St.	Privy
do	Occ.			
E. Covey	Own. & Occ.	10	Elizabeth St.	do
C. Pell	Own.	128	Chatham St.	do
J. Pratt	Occ.			
J. Marshalk	Own. & Occ.	2	Mulberry St.	do
J. Marshalk	Own.	4	do.	do.
Mrs. McGee	Occ.			

G. Englehart M. Englehart	Own. Occ.	6	Mulberry St.	Privy
Mrs. *Oheal.* [O Neal] W^m^ Jones	Own. Occ.	28	do	do
J. Webber M. Winner	Own. Occ.	32	do.	do
Paul Hick	Own. & Occ.	40	do	do
Heirs of Th. Payne.	Own.	44	do	do
S. Pittman Jas. Lush	Own. Occ.	46	do	do
T. Maahan	Own.	60	do.	do
[317] J. Post A. Pell	Own. Occ.	54	do.	do.
A. Morris S. Charlton	Own. Occ.	62	do	do
J. Harvey	Own. & Occ.	64	do	do
Dr. Kline Mrs. Smith	Own. Occ.	66	do	do

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspect.

Which Ordinances were passed.

Mr. Van Amringe moved that the Board proceed to the order of the day, which was agreed to. The Board accordingly took up the consideration of the Law relative to the Sweeping of Chimnies. A proposal from Adolph D. Grove to take on himself upon certain terms the contract to execute the Ordinance was presented and read. The Ordinance was read by paragraphs, and the same having been gone through and various amendments having been made, it was ordered that the same should be engrossed by the Clerk as amended & laid before the Board at their next meeting.

[318] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of John Jacob Astor and John R. Murray, Reported

"That, upon enquiry at the City Inspector's Office, they are of opinion, that no inconvenience will arise from extending the time for filling in said Lots till the 1^st^ June next. They therefore recommend. the extension aforesaid—and farther, that the penalty incurred be remitted upon payment of all Costs."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes.
" John Remmey.
" Jno. M^c^Comb
Street Comm^r^

which. Report was approved.

The following appointments of Firemen and Fire Wardens were made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—towit

"Fire Engine Company, No. 1."

Jno. Bush, Bricklayer, 148 Pump St. 1 ward vice Jacob Rich, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 11."

Th. B. Goelet, Account^{t} 59 Water St—1 ward—[319] vice William Force, Removed

"Fire Engine Company, No. 21."

Hen. Minugh, Clerk, 97 Gold St. 4 ward—vice James T. Burr, Resigned.

Thos. Thomas, Mechan. 31 Nassau St. 2 ward vice James Pierpoint, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company, No. 27."

Aaron Banta—Shoe M^{r}, Desbrosses St. 5 ward vice John Schoonmaker, Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 39."

Geo. Bartow, Account^{t}—73 Gold St—2 ward—vice Sam. W. Franklin, Removed.

Sam. S. Wyckoff, grocer, Vesey c. Washington 3 W^{d}—vice John A. Hawes, Removed

Fred. T. Pete, Account^{t} 207 B. Way—3 ward—vice Hen. E. Hoyt, Resigned

"Fire Wardens of the 2^{d} Ward."

Rob. E. Cornell, Merch^{t} 81 Beekman St. 2 ward—vice John Vernon, Resigned.

The Market Committee, on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants requesting an Ordinance to be passed prohibiting the sale of Crabs, reported as their opinion that the Attorney should be instructed to draft an Ordinance prohibiting the sale of Crabs in the [320] Public Markets from the 15th of December to the 1st of March in each year—which was approved, and the Attorney directed to report an Ordinance accordingly.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, who were instructed to treat with the proprietors of the property lying between James' Slip and Minturn and Champlin's Wharf for their interest in the Bulkhead &c. &c—presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table—and the subject of said Slip was made the Order of the day for the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Assessments, on the Petition of Samuel Ratcliff, Reported:

"That from the information given your Committee they are satisfied that the Petitioner has been assessed more than his due proportion for regulating said (Hudson) Street: and that the error arose in consequence of the Assessors not having before them a Profile of the premises: [321] —"the Committee therefore recommend that the Assessment for regulating said Street be returned to the Assessors."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" John Remmey
" Samuel Stevens

which was approved, and the Assessment was directed to be referred back to the Assessors for correction

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for opening Oliver Street from Bancker Street to Chatham Square, presented a Report—which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Munson, from the Alms' House Committee presented a Report which was read, as follows:

"The Alms House Committee beg leave to lay before the Board a statement of the expences incurred at Bellevue in erecting the new Alms' House, Penitentiary and other buildings, and for improving the ground connected [322] with those establishments; also the amount expended for an additional piece of ground adjoining the original purchase.

"This Statement exhibits the annual amount expended from the commencement of those buildings in 1811 to the completion of the New Alms House in December 1817; and shewing also the specific amount of materials purchased in each year.

"By this statement it will be seen that the New Alms House establishment at Bellevue has cost Four hundred and twenty one thousand One hundred and nine dollars fifty six cents, leaving a balance in favor of the Treasurer of Two thousand Eight hundred and seventy six dollars thirty eight cents."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Geo. B. Thorp

after which was read the Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House. (as on pages 323. 324 and 325.)

[323] "Report of the Treasurer of the Building Committee, shewing the total amount of monies expended for Materials, Labor &c. "in erecting the New Alms' House at Belle Vue and its appendages (including the Penitentiary) and exhibiting the Amount expended "in each year, as also the amount of each specific account, from its commencement in July 1811 to its completion in December 1817, "and also the monies received by the Treasurer in each year during the said time."

Specific Account	1811.	1812.	1813.	1814.	1815.	1816.	1817.	Total Amo^{t}
Stone	8,227.02	7,332.10	10,386.01	12,874.26	6,252.47	1,995.28	...	47,067.14
Lime	2,099.66	2,814.41	3,175.52	2,091.41	1,135.61	463.07	...	11,779.68
Brick	732.96	1,707.42	5,671.03	2,538.47	1,208.00	1,423.18	...	13,281.06
Sand	562.76	943.92	544.86	882.52	982.44	539.08	...	4,455.58
Lumber	7,891.93	12,278.36	7,761.74	10,089.51	5,806.96	3,696.12	3,285.76	50,810.38
Labourers	7,706.67	12,901.71	13,000.38	13,890.06	14,663.46	5,625.98	...	67,788.26
Masons	5,331.29	10,675.65	12,858.03	9,823.31	6,498.69	3,289.27	281.23	48,757.47
Stone Cutters	2,893.36	7,864.88	5,109.20	3,659.15	3,133.68	1,202.16	...	23,862.43
Black Smiths	188.94	1,119.90	2,725.20	2,805.47	2,801.14	2,718.89	1,472.88	13,832.42
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Carpenters	2,922.38	12,154.92	17,309.76	7,977.49	9,510.96	9,351.91	4,344.13	63,571.55
Dock	6,856.00	2,417.07	1,540.00	706.89	...	...	...	11,519.96
Convicts—Provisions	858.65	452.81	...	...	...	...	...	1,311.46
Superin^{dt} & Clerk	1,192.50	2,317.50	1,786.00	1,084.00	...	...	...	6,380.00
Hay and Grain	368.88	846.45	554.49	317.95	315.15	165.00	...	2,563.92
Contingencies	1,971.17	518.97	2,222.55	1,785.07	4,567.05	1,131.03	111.10	12,307.74
Ironmongery	...	266.77	3,429.00	7,646.30	2,239.37	3,022.84	3,462.18	20,066.46
Painting & Glazing	...	...	2,108.36	3,647.11	2,160.86	1,567.23	2,145.77	11,629.33
Slate	...	...	2,643.50	...	...	...	...	2,643.50
Workshop (contract)	...	...	1,218.44	...	...	...	...	1,218.44
Hospitals (do)	...	...	990.78	...	...	...	...	990.78
Curb Stone	...	...	...	...	...	315.00	...	315.00
Locks—Penitentiary	...	...	...	...	...	1,911.12	45.88	1,957.00
Real Estate—Lot bo^{t} of J. Jones Jr. adjoin^{g} orig^{l} purch^{se}	...	...	...	3,000.00	...	...	...	3,000.00
Total	49,800.17	76,612.84	95,034.05	84,819.77	61,275.84	38,417.16	15,148.93	421,109.56

[325] "Amount of Monies received by the Treasurer in each year.

1811	Comptroller's Warrants this year	$50,791.90
1812	do do	80,900.00
1813	do do	90,000.00
1814	do do	79,000.00
1815	do do	66,000.00
1816	do do	37,000.00
1817	do do	13,000.00
	Cash received at different times for Timber, old Lumber, Fixtures, &c. &c	1,541.28
	Balance due Treasurer	2,876.38
	Total	$421,109.56

(Errors excepted)
(sign'd) RICHARD FURMAN,
Treasurer.

[326] whereupon, the above Reports (see pages 322, 323, 324 and 325) having been read, the Report of the Superintendant of the Alms' House was ordered to be printed under the direction of the Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 2d ins	$4,504.60	
Received for Rents	2,470.06	
" " Common Lands	2,842.89	
" " Tax for 1817	6,300.00	
" " Streets	1,486.97	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	80.00	=18,684.52

20 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson Watch 1st district	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd. Watch 2d district	682.50
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d district	413.00
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms Hse Clerk, Surgeon & Physician, 1 Quarter's Salary 1st ins	625.00
[327] Wm Hoghand, Keepr Penitentry & 3 assistts 1 Qr. 1 inst.	587.50
Jno. Burger, regg 4 Public Clocks 1 Quarter 1 inst	66.66
Rich. Burchan, Lists passengrs 6 months to 1 November	25.00
Jos. Leonard, lists Coastng ports 6 months 1 instant	25.00
Jesse Dowe, Carriage hire to Bellevue 5th inst	23.00
Peter Hawes & Commissioners expences openg Bancker St.	492.00
Corlis & May, flagng Bd Way	400.00
Jno. Culbert, pavg White St	100.00
do do Oliver St	100.00
Rob. Latimer, regng Hudson St	67.86
do. do Christopher St	65.52

Jno. Parsons, well—Division St	80.37	
Jon^{n} Weeden, 3 Coils Rope, Fire Dep	241.04	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup^{t} Repairs Engine house, Greenwich	50.00	
Jac. P. Roome, for Repairs	1450.00	
W. Fish, Treas^{r} to pay 22^{d} Div^{d} City Stock 1 instant	12,000.00	18,612.70
Balance		$=71.82

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[328] In Common Council February 16. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thos. R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Rob. M^{c}Queen	Effing. Schieffelin
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Dennis Doyle, stating that the proposed extension of Oliver Street will not improve real property which he owns in said street, and praying that he may pay the interest on the sum that may be assessed on his said property for said improve- [329] ment—was read and laid on the Table.

A Remonstrance of the Master Chimney Sweepers against the proposed Law on the subject, was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of James Spear and of William Lockwood, for appointment as Measurers of Grain, were read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Communication was received from E. B. Gould, stating that there were Grocers in the habit of selling liquor to boys whom he had reported to the Attorney—whereupon, it was ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney.

A further petition of Samuel Piercy, stating that he had been permitted to sell meat in Division Street—that said Permit has been lately taken from him, which has been attended with a serious injury to his family, and [330] praying that the permit may be renewed to

him—was read and referred to the Market Committee, with a request that they would consider and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of John Steele, stating that he had prosecuted one Somerner, a Pawnbroker, for taking excessive interest, who was convicted of said offence, and who paid the penalty in such case by the law provided—that by the order of the Corporation the Attorney has the authority to give a portion of such Penalty to the Informer—that Petitioner applied to the Attorney of the Corporation for a part of said Penalty who informed Petitioner he had already paid over the same to the Treasurer of the Corporation—and Petitioner prayed relief from the Board—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial from the Corporation of Trinity Church, stating that the sum of Seven thousand Six hundred and sixty three dollars ninety nine cents was a- [331] warded to them for ground taken to open Hudson Street into Chamber Street and praying payment of the same—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of certain persons of Color, to be appointed Lamp Lighters, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Communication of the Visiting Committee of the Humane Society, requesting to be permitted to give to the Members of the Common Council Soup tickets to be distributed in their Wards to the Poor, was read and agreed to.

A Petition from certain Inhabitants, that Franklin Street may be paved between Broad Way and Orange Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Briant, a Measurer of Grain, stating that he understands complaints were made against him as to the discharge of his official duties, and [332] without cause—and a Petition from sundry Masters of Vessels against said Briant praying that he may be removed, were read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from John Minuse, praying that further time may be given for payment of money due from him to the Corporation, and for which he is now presented—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Ludlum for a Stall in Washington Market lately occupied by John L. Fink, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for paving Greenwich Street from Watts to Spring Street, and Spring Street from Washington to Clark Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from certain Dealers in Lumber, praying that the Corporation would authorize the Inspectors of [333] Lumber to inspect Shingles brought to Market for Sale, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants for establishment of a Slip on the East Side of the Wharf at James' Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A further Petition for a Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street—was read

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances, 33 in number: towit

Henry Rankin A. Bushkirk	Own. Occ.	1	Mulberry St	Privy.
G. Hiltman F. Guiatano	Own. Occ.	21	do	do
G. Lorillard J. McCormick	Own. Occ.	23	do.	do
P. McCartee J. Stanshall	Agt. Occ.	37	do	do
P. McCartee J. Boss	Agt. Occ.	41	do	do.
[334] A. Arden J. J. Hutchenson	Own. Occ	49	do	do
T. Bashford	Own. & Occ.	17	do	do
Mrs. Harned	do. do	63		do
W. Waters,	Lessee & Occ.	17	Augustus St.	do
R. C. Van Houten, P Benson	Own. Occ.	27	do	do
G. Janeway S. Booth	Own. Occ.	31	do	do
J. Smith,	Lessee & Occ.	34	do	do
J. Crolius E. Arrowsmith	Own. Occ.	48	do	do
G. B. Abeel T. McGuire	Own. Occ.	51	do	do
G. B. Abeel A. Bustard	Own Occ.	53	do	do

G. Janeway R. Archibald	Own. Occ.	36	Augustus St.	Privy.
M. Cashman N. OCain	Own. Occ.	19	Cross St.	do
J. Mickle	Own. & Occ.	39	do	do
J. Thompson M. Calvert	Own. Occ.	69	do	do
J. G. Bogert H. Rivers	Own. Occ.	70	do	do
P. Meghan J. Chapman	Own. Occ.	72	do	do
[335] P. Meghan P. Pard	Own. Occ.	74	do	do
P. Meghan R. Richards	Own. Occ.	76	do	do.
T. Waters,	Owner & Occ.	78	do	do
D. Crane Samuel Rooney	Owner Occ.	80	do	do.
J. Moran E. Patterson	Owner Occup.	82	do	do
F. Nowland M. Patterson	Own. Occup.	84	do.	do
E. Waters O. Gillen	Owner Occup.	86	do	do
E. Waters do	Owner Occupant.	88	do	do
P. Maghan P. Marian	Owner Occup.	90	do	do
J. R. Livingston A. Wells	Own. Occupant.	92	do	do
William Lord J. Brown	Owner. Occup.	105	do	do
William Lord, J. Brown	Owner Occup.	107	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector

which Ordinances were passed.

[336] A Petition of Elihu S. Bunker, Master of Steam Boat Connecticut, praying that certain Repairs may be made at Beekman Slip being necessary for the safety of said Steam Boat was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

The following appointments of Fire wardens and Firemen were made (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies) to wit—

"Fire Engine Company No. 7."

Robert Dean, Currier, 126 Pump St. 6 ward vice John White, Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 13."

Thos. N. Stanford, Mercht—61 Hudson S. vice Evart Duyckinck, Resigned

W. Cunningham, Mercht. 11 Oliver St. 4 ward vice Abr. Franklyn, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 31."

Jas. Johnston, Carpenter, 124 Orange St. 6 ward vice John Gilmen, Delinquent.

"Fire Wardens of 2d Ward."

Latham Stratton, Cooper, 2 Crane Whrf—2 ward vice Robert Wardell, No. 254 Pearl Street, Resigned.

[337] The Attorney, agreeably to Order, presented the draft of a Law entitled "a Law to regulate the Sale of Crabs"—which was passed.

He also, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a Law entitled "A Law to amend the Law to regulate Public Porters in the City of New York"—which was passed.

Alderman Holmes moved that the Board now proceed to the consideration of the order of the day—which was agreed to. The Report of the Committee of Wharves &c. of the 8th of December, and the Report of the Special Committee of the 5th of January, were read. The Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner of the 9th February was also read, and was as follows:

"That they have called on all the owners and Lessees that they could find—but have not been able to make any agreement with them Three of the proprietors are willing to accede to such terms as the Corpo- [338] ration may deem to be just—the other part of the property is either under lease, or so embarrassed as that the agents are not able to enter into any Arrangements.

"Your Committee would take the liberty at this time to state that the Bulkhead between Roosevelt Street and James Slip has been built upwards of twenty feet beyond the line of their grants—and that the

Water in front is reserved for public uses—no grants having been given therefor"

(sign'd) Jno Mᶜ Comb, St. Com.
" G. N. Bleecker, Comp.

Alderman Smith then presented the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to take the necessary steps immediately after the Third Monday in May next, to carry the said Report into effect, so far as it relates to the space between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street, provided the same can be legally done."

The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buck- [339] master is passed in the Negative:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Brackett Coles Underhill Holmes McQueen Burtis Thorp Munson. Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Remmey Taylor 14

Affirmative. Aldermen Smith Buckmaster. Messieurs Schieffelin. Allen 4

Alderman Coles then presented the following Resolution:

" Resolved, that the Counsel enquire and report to this Board, whether the Waters, Bulkead and Pier, proposed to be taken for a public Slip between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street by a report lately made to this Board can be legally taken for that purpose without the consent of the owners first had and obtained [340] and if any law or laws exist for taking the same against such consent to report the act or Sections of the Act by which the same may be taken, together with his opinion upon the legal steps to be pursued in case he should be of opinion that it may be legally done."—which was negatived. Mr. Allen then offered an Amendment limiting the amount to be paid for said Improvements to Eight thousand dollars—which was withdrawn.

Alderman Holmes then presented the following Resolution:

" Resolved, that the Waters between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street be taken for a Public Slip, and that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to take the legal and necessary steps to carry the same into effect."

The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative:

" Affirmative " Mr Recorder Aldermen Brackett Underhill [341] Holmes McQueen Burtis Thorp Munson Messieurs Kip Van Amringe Remmey Taylor 12

" Negative." Aldermen Coles Smith Buckmaster Messieurs Stevens Schieffelin Allen 6

Alderman Buckmaster gave notice that he should at the next Meeting move for a reconsideration of the vote last taken.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Comptroller's Report which relates to the disposal of the Street Manure of this City, Reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration, and propose the following Resolutions

"Resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for sealed proposals, to be received till the 2d of March, for the Street Manure of the Eastern and Western Districts, as at [342] present established by a Law of the Corporation, for two years from the 1st of May next.

"Resolved, that he also advertise for sealed proposals, to be received as above mentioned for the Street Manure of the City, for One and for Two years from the 1st May next—the Contractors to sweep and remove the dirt at their own expence from all the Streets and public places. For this purpose the City to be divided into Six Sub-districts, three in the Eastern and three in the western, as designated by law: each Sub-district to be swept and cleaned one day in the week, at the time designated by the Act aforesaid.

"Your Committee think that a better decision can be made, as to the propriety of agreeing to either of these plans, after proposals are received."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remey
" Leonard Kip

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to advertise agreeably thereto for Contracts for 1 or for 2 years.

[343] The Street Committee, on the subject of Deeds to and from Gurdon S. Mumford, reported—They had examined the same, and recommended that the Deed from Mr. Mumford be accepted, and the Lease executed agreeably to the Report of the Counsel—which was approved.

The Comptroller Reported—that, by the decease of Margaret De Groot, the Lot in William Street leased by the Corporation to her for her life, had by her decease reverted to them—whereupon the subject of the disposal of said Lot was referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller, to report.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Broad way—upon which a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented a corrected assessment for regulating Hudson Street, [344] which was confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Abraham Stagg, reported—that the prayer ought not to be granted, as the work is not fully completed—which ought to have been done the 1st of September last, and by the terms of the Contract the money is payable as it is collected—which Report was approved.

He also presented a Report recommending an Application to the Legislature requesting an Amendment to the Law respecting improvements in Streets, so that when the Report of the Commissioners of Assessment is confirmed by the Supreme Court the Common Council may have authority to delay commencing the Improvement for a period not exceeding fifteen months—which was referred to the Attorney to report the draught of a Memorial and corresponding Bill.

[345] The Committee of Public Lands and Places, on the Petition of Andrew I. McLaughlin, Reported:

"That the Petitioner was Keeper of the Flag Staff at the Battery in the year 1809, and with the expectation of holding the same for some time.

"That he went to considerable expence in improvements upon the same

"That upon the ground being granted to the United States, the Flag Staff was taken down, and another erected at the South end of the Battery

"That in the erection of the latter one, part of the Materials owned by said Andrew McLaughlin were used—and according to an estimate made at that time by the Superintendant of Repairs the value thereof was One hundred and fifty dollars

"And they therefore recommend that that sum be allowed [346] him and a Warrant be reported therefor."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob Taylor
" Robert McQueen
" Effing. Schieffelin

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Superintendant of Repairs, on the Report of the Finance Committee (dated 2d instant) respecting the Lot on White Hall Street, reported—That he

"has viewed the Lot, and finds that there will be but one foot left —which in his opinion is of no use for a yard.

"He therefore would recommend to this Board that the Building occupy the whole of the Lot."

Respectfully Submitted

(sign'd) Jacob P. Roome,
Sup^tdt of Repairs.

which Report was approved, and the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to occupy the whole ground as recommended.

[347] The Committee of Public Lands and Places, on the Petition of Robert Lenox, respecting an exchange of certain lots of Common Land, reported:

"That in their opinion no injury would arise to the Public from the Exchange upon the terms proposed by him, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller to settle and agree as to the Sum to be paid by Mr. Lenox to the Corporation upon the Exchange proposed by him."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob Taylor
" Robert M^cQueen
" Effing. Schieffelin

which Report was approved.

The Clerk, agreeably to order, reported an Engrossed Copy of the Law relative to Sweeping Chimnies &c.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition of Mary H. Williamson & Matthew V. Gibson, made a Report, which was Approved.

[348] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the subject of an Application from the Supervisors of Kings' County, presented a Report. The Report of the Comptroller was as follows:

"The Cooperation of this County is requested, for the reasons therein" (in an enclosed letter) "mentioned: but as the amount of real estates in this City and County the last year exceeds the valuation adjusted by the Board of principal assessors acting under a Law of the United States, in 1815, and will probably not diminish in succeeding years—it appears unnecessary to unite in the proposed application.

"The inequality of Assessments in the several Counties, in former years, has in a great measure been remedied by the enactment of the

Law of the State above mentioned; by which the aggregate of real estates, as determined on by the principal assessors of the United States, was to be considered the lowest amount at [349] which future valuations were to be adjusted by the Supervisors in each County.

"The subject is respectfully presented for the consideration of the Board, that an answer may be returned as early as possible."

Jan. 26. 1818. (sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

On which Report the Report of the Finance Committee was as follows:

"That they concur in opinion with the Comptroller, and deem it inexpedient to apply to the Legislature for any alteration of said Law, as the Estimate of the City Assessors is now more than that of the United States' Assessors, by One Million Six hundred thousand dollars."

Respectfully Submitted.

(sign'd) Thomas R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

whereupon, the Report of the Finance Committee was agreed to.

[350] The Finance Committee, on the petition of William M. Thurman for the remission of part of his tax for 1815, Reported:

"That they have examined the merits of the case, and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted.

"It is therefore recommended that the Collector of Arrears of Taxes be instructed to close the account of Mr. Thurman—the amount being Six Dollars and fifty four cents."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Messrs. Hart & Belden, relative to the Renewal of the Lease of the Upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge Street, Reported:

"That, altho' they consider the practice of disposing at public sale, generally, of Corporation property, [351] as highly advantageous to the public interest, yet it is believed that the present case should form an exception to this rule.

"The Academy established in this place by the petitioners is highly respectable both as to the number of scholars and the various branches of education taught therein. The teachers are men of unexceptionable character, and by their talents, their zeal and industry have made this establishment one of the most useful and most extensive in this part of the City.

"Your Committee are therefore of opinion that it would operate extremely hard on the petitioners to lease this place at auction, thereby exposing them to the cupidity of others, compelling them to purchase probably at an extravagant price the labors of their own hands, or to abandon them for the benefit of others.

"But as property in this part of the City is somewhat enhanced in value since the commencement of the lease now about expiring, it [352] is not thought unreasonable that some advance should be made in the rent—it is therefore recommended that the said premises be leased to the Petitioners for three years from 1st May next for One hundred and seventy five dollars per annum payable quarterly."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

which Report was approved.

The Street Commissioner and Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the Petition of Claudius Redon for the remission of the penalty for erecting a building contrary to Law, reported:

"That the said Building has been so altered by the said Petitioner, by substituting safe materials against fire in the place of wood, that in their opinion it cannot now be considered dangerous

"That the Fire wardens of the Ward or a majority of them have examined the said building and are [353] satisfied with the same, as will appear by their opinions expressed in the paper hereunto annexed.

"They therefore recommend that the suit commenced against the said Petitioner be suspended on payment of costs."

(sign'd) Jno. McComb—St. Com.
" A. Sherman—Attorn.

which Report was approved.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution (dated Feby. 2) on the subject of confining Runaway Slaves, presented a Report. The above-mentioned Resolution as proposed by Mr. Stevens, was as follows:

"Resolved, that in future in all cases where the Police Magistrates

commit slaves to Bridewell, for the reasons above" (in the preamble) "mentioned, that the said Magistrates first demand and receive the sum of fifteen dollars from the person or persons making application for such commitment, and that the said sum be passed to the credit of this Board [354] by the Clerk of the Police Office, to remunerate the Corporation for the expences of the board of such slave, while in Bridewell, at the rate of 25 cents per day—And that in case any such slaves, so committed shall be discharged before the expiration of sixty days, then the person or persons so paying the said fifteen dollars shall have refunded to him or them, by the said Clerk, such balance as may exist in his or their favour, after charging him or them with the board of such slave at the above rate of 25 cents per day—And that the said Magistrates on committing slaves, for the reasons and in the manner aforesaid, shall also first take from the person or persons making application for such Commitment a Bond (with Surety if in their opinion requisite) whereby such person or persons shall also bind themselves to pay the sum of twenty five cents per day, for each and every day that such slaves shall remain in Bridewell, after the expiration of the first sixty days—Provided always [355] that the Penalty of the said Bond shall not exceed One hundred dollars."

On which Resolution the Report of the Police Committee was—"that they approved of the Resolution proposed, and had drafted a Law agreeably thereto, which the Chairman presented. Whereupon, the same was read and agreed to and passed under the title of "A Law in relation to the Imprisonment of Slaves."

The following Report of Feby. 2, was called up:

The Special Committee, on the Petition respecting encouragement to the House of Industry, Reported:

"That your Committee have visited this establishment, and as far as they have been enabled to judge, the same is carried on, by the respectable members who compose the association, in a manner highly honorable to themselves and beneficial to the Community.

"This institution was established in the summer of 1814, and under the immediate auspices and patronage of this Corporation, [356] who by their Committee hired the Rooms for the Institution and presented them the sum of Five hundred dollars.

"In the Fall of 1815 this Association made to the Corporation their first Annual Report, which appears, by the Report of a then Committee of this Board, to have been highly satisfactory to the Cor-

poration, and they thereon voted the Institution the sum of One thousand dollars.

"In the Fall of the present year a Committee of this Board, without, as your present Committee believes, having visited and examined into the concerns of this Institution, reported in favor of the reduced Allowance of Four hundred dollars, which sum was agreed to by the Board.

"The members of this Association must naturally have concluded that the Corporation had lost their confidence in the mode of managing the Institution, or their good opinion of the description of the Institution itself: neither of which, your Committee are confident, is the fact.

[357] "In the opinion of your Committee, the House of Industry is calculated to prevent indigence and want among the poor of the City, to encourage them to labor, and thus to enable them to obtain a maintenance and support for themselves.

"It is a fact that must be granted, that all descriptions of associations to benefit or relieve the poor are frequently deceived and imposed upon—but the House of Industry, by granting relief only in paying for labor, is certaintly the least liable to be imposed upon, and therefore, if on this account alone, peculiarly entitled to encouragement.

"That the usefulness of this Institution may not be curtailed—but that it may be extended, aided and assisted by the advice and resources of the gentlemen who have petitioned in its behalf, your Committee have concluded to recommend, that the Sum of Five hundred dollars be granted them for the Rent of their contemplated [358] increased Establishment."

	(sign'd)	G. Buckmaster
	"	Samuel Stevens
Feby. 2.	"	W. F. Van Amringe
1818.	"	Eldad Holmes

which, having been read, was approved, and a warrant for Five hundred dollars in favor of said Institution was directed to issue.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Resolution of the 22d of September last which went to authorize the Comptroller to cancel the Bonds given by the Collectors of the Wards as their respective books are settled, Reported, that they see no objection to the adoption of the said resolution. whereupon the said Resolution was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of the Irish Emigrant Society, reported:

"That they are fully sensible of the great advantage which results to the United States from the [359] emigration of industrious foreigners who have come to reside permanently therein. Such emigrants have contributed to add to the strength and enhance the wealth of the nation.

"Your Committee earnestly hope and confidently believe that Congress will continue to cherish that liberal policy toward all meritorious foreigners of all nations, who are attached to the principles of our free Constitution, which hath hitherto characterized the laws.

"At the same time your Committee are of opinion that as the Corporation of this City, in common with those of the other cities of the Union, is constituted for local purposes and local views, it is inexpedient in this Board formally to apply to Congress on the subject, or give any special opinion to the Representatives from this City."

(sign'd) R. Riker
" Steph. Allen
" Jno. B. Coles

which Report was approved.

[360] The Report of the Finance Committee of the 29th of December, relative to raising the rates of Slippage, which had been laid on the Table, was called up and read, as follows:

"The Finance Committee—&c report—that they have examined the subject with attention, and have also made enquiries of such persons as were considered well acquainted with it: from all which they are induced to recommend for adoption by the Board the following rates, to take effect from and after the 30th day of April next—namely:

All small craft, 5 Tons burthen and under.....to pay $2 per annum
All vessels from 5 tons & under 25 T..... 30 cts p. day
" " " of 25 " " 40 "..... 40 " "
" " " of 40 " " 60 "..... 50 cts p day.
" " " of 60 " " 100 "..... 60 cts p day.
" " " of 100 " and above, to pay the same rates per day as are now received at the private wharves.
All vessels having outside births to pay half the above rates.

"and that the Law to reg- [361] ulate the lying of vessels at the public wharves and in the Slips, and to establish the rates of Wharfage, be amended accordingly—by an Ordinance to be reported for that purpose by the Counsel of the Board.

"Should the foregoing rates be agreed to, the Committee are war-

ranted in saying that this property would let for a sum considerably larger than it at present commands: and several difficulties now existing in relation to the lying of vessels in the Slips would be remedied: then places would no longer exhibit vessels converted into retail shops and store-houses, nor would they be incumbered with vessels laid up and dismantled during the whole winter; or if it were so, the Contractor would be properly compensated for such privileges."

	(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
Dec. 29. 1817.	"	Reub. Munson
	"	Sam. Akerly
	"	Steph. Allen.

Alderman Smith, as a Substitute for [362] the Rates in the foregoing Report, proposed the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, that fifty per cent be added to the present rates of slippage charged by the Corporation, to commence from the 1st day of May next. And further—if any vessel coming within the yearly rates of slippage shall be at or in any of the public wharves or slips with the consent of the proper authority over 21 days in succession, the owner or agent thereof shall pay in addition for every day beyond such term—

if under 20 tons burthen.....	5 cents:
if 20 tons and under 40.....	10 cents:
" 40 " " 60.....	15 cents
" 60 " " 100.....	20 cents

But it is expressly declared that this last regulation shall not affect vessels lying Eastward of Corlaer's Hook on the East River, and Northward of Duane Street Basin on the North River."—which was agreed to, and the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel was directed to report an Ordinance amending [363] the Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Slips, agreeably to said report—and the Comptroller was directed to advertise to receive Contracts for the leasing of the Public Slips and Wharves until the 9th day of March next.

Mr. Allen presented a Resolution, recommending an Application to the Legislature for a Law amending the Law touching the laying out of Streets, so as to authorize the Corporation to direct the Commissioners of Assessment to assess to them such parts of former Streets as they may judge proper which should be left out and not wanted for improving any streets—which Resolution was approved and referred to the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel to report a Memorial and Bill corresponding therewith.

Mr. Van Amringe presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the [364] propriety of dividing the City of New York into Districts and of appointing proper persons in each district to prevent the settlement of foreign poor and to prevent as far as possible Pauperism in the City." which was referred to Messieurs Van Amringe Holmes and Alderman McQueen

Ordered—that the Comptroller audit the Accounts of B. Hicks and G. Mills, for their services from the 1st of January last—and that they in future be attached to the Office of the City Inspector.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 9 ins	$71.82	
Received for Wells & Pumps	100.00	
" " First Street	1,000.00	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Docks & Slips	2,000.00	
" " Streets	3,325.94	
" Tax 1817—1st, 5th, 8th wds	13,125.00	20,622.76

[365] The following 18 Accounts were Audited.

Jac. P. Roome, Supt Repairs—1 Qr's Salary—14 ins	225.00	
G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller, 1 Qr's Salary—15 ins	500.00	
Thos. P. Low, printing for Corptn 3 months—1 ins	247.00	
A. Stevens, posting Bills, 3 months—1 ins	19.00	
Thos. Gardner, for 2 bonds of B. M. Van Beuren, Interest and Costs	892.87	
Robert Provost, painting and glazing Lamps in Jan	71.58	
James Meghan, Account for paving Greenwich St	400.00	
Charles Golden, Account paving Hudson Street	200.00	
Hugh Smith, Account, for paving Cliff Street	200.00	
Charels Mooney, Account for paving Broad Way	100.00	
Thomas Scott, Account for paving Orange Street	100.00	
[366] Thomas Ridgway, balance on Well in Amos Street	57.11	
Reuben Ayres, Cartg earth on Docks & Slips	32.75	
Hen. Allen, last instalmt Pier Gouverneur's Slip	400.00	
Peter Schermerhorn, Int. on Bond, 6 mo. 1 Feby	450.00	
Steph. Ludlum, Surveys, Maps & Profiles for 1817	1634.46	
Jno. McComb, Street Comr to pay Court, Commisrs & Attorneys' fees, opening Pearl & Cherry Sts—Franklin Sq.	1100.38	
Mrs. Bethune, House Indust. Donation Ordered 16 Feby	500.00	14,130.15
	Balance	$=6,492.61

Adjourned to Monday next, at 4 o'clock.

[367] In Common Council February 23. 1818

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
Arthur Burtis	Jacob B. Taylor
Reuben Munson	Effing. Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

An Invitation from John Scudder, Proprietor of the Museum, to visit the Museum this evening was read and accepted. Mr. Scudder also enclosed for each Member a free ticket of admission to the Museum for the present year.

A Memorial from the Officers of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery was received, stating that there [368] is not at present a space of vacant ground sufficiently extensive on which the troops of the Brigade were to be paraded and perform the necessary evolutions required by the United States' System of Military Discipline—that in the plan of the City, as laid out by the Commissioners, a spacious Tract is allotted as a Military Square—and they request that the same may be appropriated to that purpose as soon as is consistent with the convenience of the Corporation. They also request that the Upper Room of the Market about to be built at Fulton Slip may be reserved for military purposes—Whereupon the said Memorial was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Petition of James Vandenburgh for Stall No. 51 in Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants, against opening the Tenth Ave- [369] nue from the Bloomingdale to the Kingsbridge Road, was read and referred to the Road Committee & Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Confectioners and Dealers in fruit, complaining of the practice of persons selling Oranges and Limes in the Streets—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws with the addition of Alderman Holmes and Mr. Stevens.

A Petition for a well in White Street near Stable Alley, was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Stephen Smack, to be permitted to continue to sell meat at the Upper end of Broadway—was read and rejected.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that Lispenard Street might be opened from Broadway to Church Street [370] was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner.

A Recommendation, in favor of John Johnson to be appointed Wood Inspector for the 13th district, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Remonstrance of Henry Lawson, Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers, for himself and Associates against the Law about to be passed on the subject of Chimney Sweepers—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Magdalen Eagles, for remission of Assessment laid upon a Lot owned by her for opening Canal Street—was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of John Hone and Jeremiah T. Randolph was received—stating that they were Purchasers of Two Lots of Ground formerly known as Government House Lots—that at the time of the sale of those Lots a [371] Map of the ground was exhibited, and a Lot reserved on White Hall Street for an Engine House—that they have erected buildings in conformity with said reservation and arrangement —that they learn that the Corporation are about erecting a Three Story Building on said lot, which will be attended with great injury and expence to the Petitioners. They therefore pray that the Corporation will apply that Lot to the erection of such a building as was described at the time of sale, or that they will sell the lot to the Petitioners, for which they are willing to give the sum of One thousand dollars—whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A further petition of Abraham Stagg for advance of money on his Contract for regulating Mulberry and Orange Streets, was read, and leave was given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

[372] A Petition of Isaac Underhill was received, stating that he is Owner of a Store in Cliff Street, which he is desirous of converting into a Dwelling House—that from the late Regulation of that Street he cannot have access to the House without a flight of Stairs—that by the present law the Platform cannot exceed five feet from the level of the Street—and praying to be permitted to raise his to the height of Six feet—which request was directed to be complied with, and authority was given accordingly.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, praying the Removal of John

N. Johnson from the Office of Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Matthias Bruen, praying Remission of fine incurred under an Ordinance on the subject of a Nuisance, was read and referred to the City Inspector.

[373] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 5."

Pet. D. Vroom, Account^{t}, 25 Wall St., 1 ward, vice Royall Hewins, Departed.

Jas. Delemater, Account^{t}, Pearl c. William, 1 ward, vice Jac. Defandorf, Departed.

V. J. Benham, Taylor, 68 Front St. 1 ward, vice Rich. E. Reynolds, Departed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 37."

Mat. V. Caistang, Rope M^{r}—38 Rivington, 10 w^{d} vice Robert Lee, Resigned.

Thos. Blair, Grocer, Rivington c. Ludlow, 10 w^{d} vice Peter Yerrick, Departed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 39."

Jno. H. Brown, Mercht. Ann St. c. B^{d}way, 2 ward vice William B. Read, Departed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Jos. Curtis, Cartman, 215 Bowery, 10 ward, vice Sam. Crumell, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for cleaning the Drain in Ferry Street—which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for the same.

[374] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following 24 Nuisances: to wit

J. J. Woodruff	Owner.	Thompson c. Broome.	Lot.
J. & P. Stagg	do.	Grand c. Broome.	do
G. B. Abeel J. Cullen	Owner Occup.	25 Cross Street	Privy
J. M^{c}Kay J. M^{c}Laughlin	Own. or Agt. Occ.	29 Lombardy St.	do
C. Heeney Mrs. Cook	Own. Occ.	13 Elm St.	do
J. Earle	Own. & Occ.	14 do	do

M. Parsells A. McKay	Own. Occ.	2	Republican Ally	Privy
J. Morton J. Miller	Own. Occ.	3	do	do
M. Parsells Wm Forsyth	Own. Occ.	4	do	do
A. Campbell W. Fisher	Own. Occ.	7	do.	do
D. Waters A. Duncan	Lessee Occ.	8	do.	do
P. Boyle J. Elliott	Own. Occ.	47	Duane St	do
J. Connolly	Own. & Occ.	48	do.	do
P. *Ruly* [Rooney] M. Barber	Own. Occ.	48½	do	do
[375] G. B. Abeel J. Mc Crery	Own. Occ.	49	do	do
Rob. McQueen G. Cullum	Own. Occ.	73	do	do
Rob. McQueen J. Duncan	Own. Occ.	75	do	do
C. Heeney J. McConkey	Own. Occ.	78	do.	do
J. McClure	Own. & Occ.	82	do	do
D. S. Lyons J. Lowere	Own. Occ.	86	do	do
E. Meeks T. Gray	Own. Occ.	93	do	do.
L. Baum	Own. & Occ.	95	do	do
M. Parsells A. Forrester	Own. Occ.	98	do	do
M. Miller A. Vosburgh	Own. Occ.	102	do	do

(sign'd)*

which Ordinances were passed.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Richard Varick, respecting encroachments, Reported:

"That they have caused [376] a Survey to be made by two of the City Surveyors, (a Certificate of which accompanies this Report,)

* Signatures not given.—ED.

by which it will appear that Mr. Varick has no cause to complain of an encroachment as his Stable stands within 2 inches of the true line, and his fence stands 10 feet on Bleecker Street, giving all the ground according to the Map of the Block he purchased.

"Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the Contractor for regulating Bleecker Street ought to be permitted to proceed, as he is suffering considerable damage by delay."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob Taylor
" R. Graves
St. Com^r pro. tem.

To which Report of the Committee was subjoined the following Certificate of the Survey: towit

"We have as directed measured the Block of Ground owned by R. Varick Esqr. between Houston and Bleecker Streets on the North-west side of Thompson Street, and find [377] that the North East end of Mr. Varick's Stable is 407 feet 10 inches from the North East side of Houston Street, being 2 inches back from the line of Bleecker Street; the fence of Mr. Varick's enclosure stands 10 feet 6 inches on Bleecker Street, allowing said Bleecker Street to be 50 feet wide at that point."

(sign'd) Steph. Ludlum
" Edwd. Doughty
City Surveyors.

whereupon, the Report of the Committee was approved.

The Committee on the Sunday Law, to whom the Complaint against the concourse of boys near the corner of Oak and Pearl Streets and the Ordinance proposed relative to the same [were referred], Reported:

"That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the Law was well drafted, well amended & well revised.

"But that the season is too far advanced to enact the same

[378] "and therefore recommend that the subject be left for the consideration of another Board."

(sign'd) Robert M^cQueen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Stevens

The question being taken on agreeing to said Report, and a Division having been called by alderman Holmes, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative. Aldermen Coles M'Queen Burtis Munson Messieurs Stevens Taylor Allen 7

Negative. Aldermen Brackett Holmes Messieurs Kip Van Amringe 4

Mr. Allen presented a Resolution for taking the Waters between Catharine and James Slips for a Public Slip or Basin—which was read and referred to Committee on Wharves Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

[379] Alderman Munson presented a Resolution recommending an Application to the Legislature for a Law to authorize the Corporation to lay a Tax on Carriages similar to the late Tax laid by the United States, to be appropriated solely toward the expences of making and keeping in Repair Streets, Roads & Highways—which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury on the 16 instant	6,492.61
Received for Rents	5,038.12
" " Tax 1817 in the 6th and 9th wards	3500.00
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00
" " Tavern Licenses	78.30
" " 8th Avenue	300.00
" " Canal Street	500.00
" " Streets	6,074.87
	$22,083.90

[380] 21 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1st district	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd, Watch 2d district	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3d district	413.00
Wm Smith, Collecr Revenue, 1 qr. 22 ins. & Carriage hire	201.50
Jonath. Pinckney, Cit. Intend. 1 qr. 19 ins	250.00
Thos. Franklin, Chief Engin. 1 qr. 18 ins	200.00
Jos. Varick, Inspector Bread, 1 qr. 17 ins. balance	90.50
Jno. B. Dash, 2½ doz. hammer wrenches, fire departt	43.00
And. I. McLaughlin, Reprs. Flagstaff Battery in 1809	150.00
Margaret Walker, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	4750.00
Peter Parsells, regg Streets at Greenwich Village	800.00
Richard Moran, Account regulating Lewis Street	500.00
[381] Corlis & May, Account for flagging Broadway	500.00
James Meghan, Account paving Greenwich Street	200.00
Jos. Willoughby, Account regulating Hammond St	200.00
John Sloan, on Account regulating Bleecker St	200.00
John Culbert, Account paving White Street	200.00
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St	100.00

Jac. P. Roome, Supt^dt Reprs, to pay bills & Workmen.....	860.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Engine Houses.....	106.00	
L. S. Burling, Redemption bills of Credit.....	1000.00	12,564.75
	Balance	$=9,519.15

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[382] In Common Council March 2. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.
R. Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	Wm F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thos. R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, praying for the Establishment of a public Slip or Basin at the foot of Oliver Street, between James and Catharine Slips, accompanied with a Map of the same, was presented [383] and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Letitia Woolsey, praying relief from payment of Assessment on her for Canal Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from James Clermont and Gabriel L. Lewis, praying relief from excessive rate of personal Tax on them, were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance from Francis Cooper, against digging out Thompson Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Briant, praying he may be continued in the office of Measurer of Grain &c. was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[384] A Petition of George Cornelius, to be appointed a Watchman, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Remonstrance of Elizabeth Downie, against the Removal of her House No. 214 Bowery, and praying it may be permitted to remain,

was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Patrick Barry, for relief from Penalty said to be incurred under the Fire Law, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Fitzgerald, for a Stall at the upper end of Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Executors of John Gardner deceased was received, stating that their Testator at his individual expence built a Pier on the Southerly Side of Broome Street—[385] that the Wharfage arising from said Pier has been received from the Lessee of Public Slips, who declines paying any proportion of the same without the order of the Corporation—they therefore requested that the Corporation would either direct the Wharfage now due, and which may hereafter accrue, to be paid to them, or that they would direct that proportion of the expence of constructing the Pier to be paid to them as is customary in like cases—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves & Street Commissioner.

A Recommendation in behalf of Charles Coftis, Lamp lighter, to receive an increased compensation for lighting the Signal Lamps at the Battery, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Remonstrance against extending Lispenard Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

[386] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 7."

Henry Blade, Currier, 1 Jacob St. 4 ward, vice Rich. Townly, Resign'd.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 12."

Jas. Kissam, mercht, 367 Pearl St. 4 ward vice Thos. Tucker, Resigned.

Dan. Berrian, Brush Mr 1 Hague St. 4 ward vice Rich. Poillon, expelled.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 18."

Jas. M. Hoyt, Mercht. 42 Cherry St. 4 ward, vice Gerard. C. Langdon, Resign'd

"Fire Engine Company, No. 23."

Thos. Maurice, Tallow Chdlr, White c. Elm, 6 ward, vice Thos. Fenwick, Resign'd.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 26."

Ed. Smylie, Brass Found[r], Pike c. Henry, 7 ward, vice William Burk, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 27."

Will. Sharp, Stone Cutter, 420 Greenwich S. 5 w[d] vice Jos. B. Gaffit, Expelled

"Fire Engine Company, No. 39."

Nath. S. Prentiss, Perfum[r] 149 B[d]way, 3 ward, vice Rich. Canfield, Departed.

Jno. C. Tallman, 64 Vesey, vice H. Westervelt, Res[d]

[387] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the 34 following Nuisances:

Jno. J. Astor	Owner	8	Charlton St.	Lot.
Jas. E. Betts R. Kinnier	Own. Occ.	150	William St.	Privy.
E. Mitchell J. Lowerre	Own. Occ.	86	Duane St.	do
D. Waters A. Adams	Own. Occ.	32	Reed St.	do
—— Mooney S. Kilroy	Own. Occ.	29	do	do
T. Van Beuren,	Lessee & Occ.	22	Ferry St	do
Jas. Meinell	do. do.	24	do	do
J. J. Campbell A. Maverick	Agt. Occ.	50	Hudson St.	do
A. Benford C. Howland	Own. Occ.	46	do.	do
A. Benford	Own. & Occ.	48	do.	do
S. M[c]Cready	do. do.	6	Catharine L[ne]	do
P. Ogilvie J. Holmes	Own. Occ.	8	Catharine St.	do
M. Wymbs Mrs. Higgins	Own. Occ.	22	Catharine L[ne]	do
H. Mulvey W. M[c]Intire	Own. Occ.	10.	do.	do
[388] P. Oglevie C. Gillespie	Own. Occ.	12	do.	do
C. Gillespie C. Featherston	Lessee. Occ.	15	do.	do

G. Lorillard	Own.	43	Elm St	Privy
J. Bolen	Occ.			
Mrs. Osgood	Own.	23	do.	do
J. Pritchard	Occ.			
E. Mann	Own.	27	do.	do
P. Cavenagh	Occ.			
E. Mann	Own.	29.	do	do
E. Webber	Occ.			
J. Spencer	Own.	25	do.	do
R. Cunningham and M. Cristoe	Occup.			
J. Crolius	Own.	34	do.	do
P. Conolly	*Own.* [Occ.]			
J. Crolius	Own.	40	do	do
Jno Mitchell	Occ.			
Mrs. Clark	Own.	54	do.	do
R. Gender	Occ.			
G. Foos	Own. & Occ	52	do.	do
J. Johnston,	do. do	28	do	do
E. Ward	do. do	21	do	do
P. Ogilvie	Own	103	Anthony St.	do
J. Fitzpatrick	Occ.			
[389] P. Ogilvie	Own	108	do	do
W. Carrigan	Occ.			
P. Ogilvie	Own.	106	do	do
D. Haggerty	Occ.			
P. Ogilvie	Own.	102	do	do
A. Hannah	Occ.			
F. Freeborn	Own.	111	do	do
do	Occ.			
D. Dougherty	Own.	109	do	do
	Occ.			
C. Graham	Own.	110	do	do
J. Short	Occ.			

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspec

which Ordinances were passed.

The Comptroller, agreeably to the Resolution of 27th October last, presented a Report of the probable Receipts and Expenditures of the present year—which was referred to the Finance Committee: viz—Aldermen Smith Munson Messieurs Allen Kip Akerly

[390] The Comptroller presented the following Report of Corporation property sold and leased at public Auction on the 20th Feby. last under the direction of the Finance Committee:—Viz.

Lot 15	Leonard c. Collect.....	Geo. Lorillard.....	1025.00	
16	Collect St. West Side	"	925.00	
17	" "	"	950.00	
18	" "	"	925.00	
19	" "	"	925.00	
20	" "	"	975.00	
48	Leonard c. Collect—E. side	"	1100.00	
49	On Collect St. "	"	800.00	
50	" " "	"	725.00	
51	" " "	"	625.00	
52	" " "	"	675.00	
53	" " "	"	725.00	
80	" " "	"	700.00	
81	" " "	"	700.00	
82	" " "	"	625.00	
83	" " "	"	675.00	
84	" " "	"	800.00	
85	" " "	"	725.00	
86	Leonard c. Collect. S. side..	"	1175.00	
87	On Leonard St. " ..	"	850.00	
88	" " " ..	"	800.00	
92	" Anthony S. No. side...	"	750.00	
[391]14	Leonard St—So. side.....	Thos. Egerton.....	1025.00	
22	Anthony St—N. side.....	"	1050.00	
21	Anthony c. Collect Sts....	Moses Coddington..	1700.00	
54	Collect St.—E. side.....	Jas. Vincent.....	925.00	
79	Anthony c. Collect.....	Geo. Degrass.....	1200.00	
93	Anthony St.—N. side.....	"	850.00	
91	Gore, Leonard St, S. side..	Edm[d] Kirby.....	400.00	25,325.00
29 Lots				

Land at Bloomingdale

No. 4.a	6 acr. 1 R. 38 p....	Jno. Low..... $495 p. acre	3211.31	
5 e	5 " 3 " 24½.....	" 490	2892.53	
42	5 " 0 " 14	" 250	1271.87	
22.5	7 " 1 " 21½	Dav. Cargill... 360	2658.37	
41.47.x	10 " 2 " 29	Jno.&Jac. Shrady 200	2136.25	12,170.33
	35 " 2 " 7			

No. 1	Cellar Cath[ne] Market	Geo. Thompson...$35 p. an.	Leased for 3 years from 1 May 1818.	
2	" " "	S. & M. Smith.... 35		
3	" " "	P. Romaine..... 35		
4	" " "	Bur[ll] Brown..... 30		
5	" " "	S. S. Townsend... 35		
6	" " "	Bur[ll] Brown..... 55		
		$225.		225.00

Upper part—Watch house in Spring Street..... Jno. Hanning.....$85—1 year from 1 May 1818..... 85.00.

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

[392] His Honour the Mayor informed the Common Council that he had received a Communication from Cadwallader D. Colden Esqr. informing him that he had received from the Honorable the Council of Appointment a Commission as Mayor of the City of New York, and that he proposed taking the Oaths of Office in the presence of the Common Council this afternoon—whereupon, on motion of Alderman Smith, a Committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Colden and inform him the Common Council were in Session and ready to receive him, consisting of Aldermen, Smith Brackett & Mr. Taylor.

A considerable number of Citizens attending to witness the ceremonial of the Induction of the newly appointed Mayor, and the Common Council Chamber not being sufficiently large to accommodate them, the Board adjourned to the Room in the Hall assigned for the holding of the Sessions and Oyer & Terminer Courts.

[393] After a short time Mr. Colden was introduced into the Room by the Committee and was seated on the right of the President. The Commission of Mr. Colden was then read by the Clerk of the Common Council. The Oaths prescribed by the Charter and the Law were then administered to Mr. Colden by the Honorable the Mayor Mr. Radcliff. After which Mr. Radcliff took leave of the Common Council in a short address, and then introduced Mr. Colden to the President's Seat. Mr. Colden, on taking the chair, addressed the Common Council in a short appropriate address. The Board then adjourned to the Common Council Chamber, and being again formed the following business was transacted.

Alderman Buckmaster presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the Honorable Jacob Radcliff, late Mayor of the City, for his able [394] discharge of the duties of the Mayoralty and for his intelligence and impartiality as the presiding Officer of the Board."

which Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

A Petition of N[1] Fisk, to be appointed Captain of the City Watch in place of Michael Norris (deceased), was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Remonstrance of Daniel E. Smith and others against John N. Johnson as wood Inspector for monopoly, reported:

"That there appears to be no ordinance prohibiting the Inspector of Firewood from purchasing that article for the purpose of resale: they nevertheless view such practices as highly improper, and presume

the Board would discountenance any of the Inspectors who should be guilty of it.

"From the information had on this subject by the Committee [395] however, they are of opinion the charge against said Johnson is unfounded, at least so far as not to require the interference or notice of the Board.

"The Committee have been unable to learn that any thing is alleged against the moral character of Mr. Johnson, neither is he charged with improper performance or neglect of duty as an Inspector: They therefore respectfully recommend he be continued in his Office, and that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Sam[l] Stevens
" Sam. Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of John Steele for a portion of penalty recovered from Jno. S. Sommer, Reported:

"That in the opinion of your Committee the business of a Pawn Broker is of doubtful utility [396] to the public, and liable to great abuses and impositions upon those whose circumstances compel them to resort to the aids afforded by these dealers: it is of importance therefore, that any infringement of the law on that subject should be promptly noticed, and the offenders prosecuted to judgment.

"Mr. Steele, in the opinion of the Committee, deserves the thanks of the Community for the information given the Attorney in this case, which enabled him to prosecute the offender, and recover the penalty alluded to: and as he states his losses to be considerable, in consequence of the illegal requirements exacted from him by said Sommer —the Committee recommend, that he be paid One fourth of the amount recovered; and therefore, that a Warrant pass in favor of John Steele for Twenty five Dollars"

Respectfully Submitted

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" Samuel Stevens.

Approved and a Warrant ordered therefor.

[397] The Finance Committee, on the Memorial of Edward Doughty praying for a balance on Maps and Surveys of the 10[th] Ward, Reported:

"That they have examined said Maps, and have no hesitation in saying they are completed in a manner highly creditable to Mr. Doughty: and altho' the Amount of his Bill exceeds what was originally contemplated by the Board, when ordering Maps of the several Wards to be made, they are nevertheless led to believe, that his services could not be consistently given for a less sum than that he has charged.

"The Committee therefore recommend, that a Warrant pass for Two hundred and Eighty nine dollars fifty cents, being the balance due Mr Doughty agreeably to a bill herewith presented."

(sign'd) Steph. Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

[398] An Amendment to the Law entitled "A Law to regulate the lying of vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips," was Reported by the Attorney, agreeably to directions, and being read by paragraphs was passed.

The Engrossed Ordinance, respecting the appointment of a Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers, was called up and after some discussion was postponed and made the Order of the day at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Alderman Munson it was Resolved, that (when the Board adjourn,) they will adjourn to meet at Bellevue to visit with the newly appointed Mayor that Establishment.

The Sealed Proposals for the Street Manure received by the Comptroller were presented by him—whereupon, on motion the Lobby was cleared, and the

Doors Closed.

[399] The Sealed Proposals having been opened by the President and the propositions therein stated having been made known—it appeared that the propositions, of Edward Hitchcock for the western District, and that of William M. Hitchcock for the Eastern district, were the highest.

whereupon, it was Resolved, that a Lease of the Street Manure for the western district, for the period of Two years from the 1st of May next, be made out to Edward Hitchcock, on condition of his securing to be paid the Sum of Four thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five dollars per annum—the Streets to be swept by him, the

dirt of the Streets collected together and removed by him, at his own expence, agreeably to the proposals issued by the Comptroller.

It was also Resolved that a Lease for the Street Manure of the Eastern District, for the period of two years from the 1st of May next be given to William M. Hitchcock upon the same conditions as to clean- [400] ing the Streets and on his securing the payment of the Sum of Four thousand Eight hundred and Twenty five dollars per annum.

The Contracts were directed to be prepared and executed under the direction of the Comptroller, and the Sureties to be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Comptroller.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury, 23 Feb	$9519.15	
Received for Tax of 1817, 2, 5, 9 and 10 wards	5244.00	
Received for Arrears of Tax	300.00	
" " Canal Street	1500.00	
" " Streets	5100.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00	
" " Common Lands	9658.37	31,421.52

38 Accounts Audited.

Geo. Cuming, City Inspec. 1 qr's Salary—28 Feby	312.50
W. J. Waldron, Ass. Cit. Insp. 1 mo. Sal 1 inst	48.00
Obad. Ayres, Ass. Cit. Insp. 1 mo 1 ins	48.00
[401] Benj. Hicks, Ass. Cit. Inspec. 2 mo 1 ins	102.00
Geo. Mills, Ass. City Inspec. 2 mo 1 ins	102.00
Jonath. Weeden, Street Insp. 1 mo 1 ins	48.00
Sam. Hutchings, St. Insp. 1 mo 1 ins	48.00
Astin & Cochran, Messengers. 1 mo 1 ins	60.00
Dan. H. Magee, Keep. Potter's Fd 1 mo 1 ins	42.00
Abr. Brevoort, Bread Insp. 1 qr 21 Feb	97.80
B. Skaats, Keep. City Hall, 1 qr. 24 Feb—& expences	361.85
Jno. Richardson, attg Just. Court. 3 mo 1 ins	56.25
Geo. Snethen, Sup. & Light. Lamps. 1 mo 1 ins	655.50
Jac. Warner, Special Justice, 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	187.50
Jac. Hopson, Special Justice. 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	187.50
Josh Hedden, Special Justice, 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	187.50
[402] B. Oblenis, Clk. Police Office. 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	250.00
R. Stevens, Ass. Clk. Pol. Office. 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	200.00
Jac. Hays, Offcrs extr Serv. Pol. Off. 1 qr Sal 26 Feb	293.87
Ben Hill and R. Ayres, filling Dey St. Basin	1000.00
Pet. Allerson, Reprs. Docks, Flymarket & Peck Slips, Corporation half	470.07
John Bingham, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	13,100.00
Hannah Clinton, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	1000.00
Alex. Banks, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	340.00

Nicholas Low, Award for Lombardy Street	1826.00	
James Woods—Award for Lombardy Street	951.00	
Th. B. Clark—Award for Lombardy Street	600.00	
Dennis Hannigan, Award for Lombardy Street	286.00	
Jno. J. Astor do do	167.00	
[403] Th. Knox & Others, Execrs of N. Gouverneur, Award for Lombardy Street	163.00	
W. L. Simers—Award for Lombardy Street	161.00	
Geo. Nelson and Jno. Clark, Execrs. of Thomas Dodds—Award for Lombardy St	113.00	
William Fosbrook, Award for Lombardy Street	67.00	
Corlis & May, on Account for flagging Broad Way	500.00	
Chs. Mooney, pavg Broad Wy, from Pearl to Leonard St	196.17	
Chs. Mooney, Reprg. Streets	36.89	
John Parsons, Balance for Well in the Bowery	93.06	
Rich. Furman, Superintt of the Alms House	6000.00	30,358.46

Balance $=1063.06

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue, on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock.

[404] Bellevue. In Common Council March 5. 1818.

Present. The Honble Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Pres.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effing. Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen.
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to their adjournment for the purpose of visiting together with the newly elected Mayor the Establishments at Bellevue. The following business was transacted.

A Memorial was received from Dobbs and Furman, the Contractors for the Street Manure, stating that the Lot of ground formerly appropriated for the Deposit of Manure has been lately sold by the Corporation, and [405] requesting some other ground may be assigned for that purpose—which was read and referred to

Alderman Holmes
Messieurs Remmey } Street Comee
" Kip

John McComb, St. Commissr
G. N. Bleecker Comptroller.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Broad Street, stating that the Sewer in said Street was out of Repair, and their Cellars inundated with water, was read and referred to

Alderman Holmes
Messieurs Remmey } Street Committee
" Kip
John M^cComb, Street Commiss^r

with a request to report as to the propriety of constructing a new Sewer made of stone or brick.

The Street Commissioner stated, that agreeably to Law Lime Houses cannot be constructed in the streets until [406] the first of April, and suggesting the propriety of giving permission to those about building to construct Lime Houses previous to the first of April—which suggestion was approved and authority given to grant permission accordingly.

The following was agreed to—viz

"Resolved that it be referred to the Alms House Committee and Street Commissioner to consider and report to this Board, whether any and what ground will be proper to add to the Alms House Establishment—together with a Map thereof and the probable expence which would attend the acquisition."

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

March 9, 1818 to June 29, 1818

[1] In Common Council, March 9, 1818.

Present. The Honble Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Presid.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thomas R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	Jacob B. Taylor
George Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of the Two last Meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of the Trustees of the New York Free School, requesting the Corporation to grant them, for the purposes of a School Room, the Room in the Building lately erected at Greenwich for the Watch of the Second District—was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of John Peters for an appointment to some office under the Corporation—was read and referred to the [2] Committee of Applications, with directions that they would report at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants on the subject of the Regulation of Franklin Square, and a Communication from the Street Commissioner on the same subject were read and referred to Aldermen Brackett Holmes Coles Munson Mr. Allen and The Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas B. Clark was received, stating that he is Owner of the House at the Corner of Montgomery and Lombardy Streets—that he has received an order from the Corporation to cut off 6 feet from said house or remove the same—that he had, previously to receiving said notice, rented it for the ensuing year, and that he of course will be liable to the Tenant for damages, which would be ruinous to him—He therefore prays relief—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Willet Cornell, holding [3] Stall No. 18 Fly Market,

praying to be permitted to exchange the same for Stall No. 40 the same Market (now held by John Tier who is willing to relinquish the same)—was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Ezekiel Bishop and Abraham Reimier, stating that at a sale by Decree of Chancery they were purchasers of Lots No. 321 at the corner of Prince and Wooster Streets, and No. 747 Mercer Street—that they understand the Corporation have a lien on the same by Mortgage from the owner Beekman M. Van Beuren—and proffering to transfer their right to the Corporation on their paying the amount agreed to be paid by them—Namely—for Lot No. 321, $580, and for Lot No. 747 $355—whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee and Counsel.

A Memorial from D. Dunham and others Lessees of Delancy Street Ferry, stating that the Lessees to whom the grant of a Ferry at the foot of Grand Street had been given had not complied with the conditions of the Grant, and praying the attention of the Board thereto—and also praying an extension of their own Grant—was read and re-
[4] ferred to the former Committee on Grand Street

A Petition of George Duryee for appointment to some office, was read and referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Petition of the Proprietors of the Piers between Coenties and Old Slips, for the use of the Mud Machine for cleansing the Slips—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

A further Memorial of Richard Varick, on the subject of Encroachments made on his property in digging out Bleecker Street, was presented. A Representation was also made from the Street Commissioner, stating, that in pursuance of the Approbation of the Common Council of the Report of the Committee on the former memorial of Richard Varick made on the 23^{d} of February last the Contractor for digging out Bleecker Street had proceeded in the business, and that in consequence of digging out said Street a part of the fence on said street had fallen down—that on Thursday last the Street Commissioner and the Contractor had [5] been arrested at the suit of Mr. Varick; and praying the order of the Board thereon—whereupon the Contractor was directed to delay further proceeding during the interim of consideration, and the subject was referred to a Committee of Aldermen Brackett Underhill Mr. Stevens & The Counsel

A Petition of Thomas Scott, praying the payment of a Balance due him for paving Lombardy, Orange and State Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector presented a Communication, stating that a Nuisance existed on a Lot the property of Jacob Latting at the corner of Greenwich and Vandamme Streets—and recommending the same to be filled in at the public expence, the Expence to remain a lien on the property—which was read and agreed to, and the City Inspector authorized to proceed accordingly.

A Letter was received from John T. Irving and John Nitchie, Loan Officers, stating that on the sale of certain property mortgaged by Anthony L. Bleecker to the [6] Corporation, the Street Commissioner Mr. McComb on the behalf of the Corporation became a Purchaser, and it was requested that time might be given for the payment of the same—and it being now necessary for the Commissioner to place said money out at Interest, they request arrangements may be made for payment thereof—whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the Law raising the rates of Slippage, was presented & read.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in White Street between Broad Way and Church Street —which was passed, and John Targee, Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 41 following Nuisances: namely

George McKay	Owner.	503	Greenwich St.	Lot
do	do	501	do	do
Jno. B. Coles Esqr	Own.	499	do	do
Latting W. W. Wetmore	Owner. Agent.	Van Dam St		do
Hen. Worrell	Own. & Occ	Elm c. Hester Sts.		Privy
George Janeway Mrs. Weyman	Own. Occ.	92	Pearl St	do
[7] M. Bolmer J. Budsell	Own. Occ	468	do	do
M. Bolmar James Cowan	Own. Occ	470	do	do
L. K. Storms,	Lessee & Occ.	477	do	do
J. Dean J. Doremus	Owner. Occup.	481	do	do
P. Lorillard Will. Durell	Own. Occ.	482	do	do

G. Janeway W. D. Niles	Own. Occ.	483	Pearl St.	Privy
P. Lorillard J. Cutler	Own. Occ.	484	do	do
Lucretia Whooley,	Les. & Occ.	489	do	do
Samuel Purdy William Jackson	Own. Occ.	479	do	do
J. Ackerman J. Crocket	Own. Occ.	504	do	do
C. Parker	Own. & Occ.	506	do	do
T. Egenton M. Homan	Own. Occ.	507	do	do
T. Egenton N. C. Bond	Own. Occ.	509	do	do
Will. Williams,	Les. & Occ.	528	do	do
Lewis. Platt	Own. & Occ.	533	do	do
J. Silcock	Lessee & Occ.	530	do	do
Jacob Day	do do.	532	do	do
N. Whitehead,	do do.	534	do	do
M. Nicholls Will. Miller	Own. Occ.	545	do	do
M. Nicholls Will. McFarlane	Own. Occ.	547	do	do
C. Morris	Less. & Occ.	551	do	do
[8] M. Nicholls Mrs. Fisher	Own. Occ.	549	do	do
Sam. McCauley James Barr	Own. Occ.	550	do	do
P. Kemble G. Barker	Own. Occ.	553	do	do
R. Shear R. Townsend	Own. Occ.	554	do	do
H. Ackerman T. Dixon	Own. Occ.	556	do	do
Le Count L. Palmer	Own. Occ.	557	do	do
L. Heckle	Less. & Occ.	558	do	do
D. Ensley M. Hill	Own. Occ.	559	do	do

Abraham Stagg,	Own	Delancy St.	Lot.
George Little	do	do	do
Jacob Warner	do	do	do
John Hopper	do	do	do
Thomas Lovett	do	do	do
C. Finch	do	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

A Petition from the Watchmen of 1st district for appointment of Henry Leake as Captain in place of Michael Norris deceased. A Petition from Henry Leake for said appointment. Petitions from William Bull and Jacob Parsells for said appointment—and of Calvin Griswold for appointment as Assistant to Captain of Watch—were severally read.

[9] The following Persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:) namely

"Fire Engine Company, No. 3."

Jno. D. Stevenson, Grocer, Moore c. Water, 1 ward; vice Jno. Van Bussom, Resign'd

Rich. Jones, Shoe Mr, 35 Nassau St, 3 ward, vice Mordecai Homan, Dismissed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

Jno. Matthew, Accountt, 9 South St., 1 ward, vice James Bogart, Resigned.

Rob. Tyrell, Printer, 14 New St, 1 ward, vice Jno. Ball Jr. Expelled.

Hen. Stuart, Account, 10 William St. 1 ward, vice Adam Miller, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 22."

Jno. Robins, Ship Wt—49 Oliver St. 4 ward, vice Will. Murphy, Resigned.

M. Hemmeneway, Ship wt—155 Banker St. 7 ward, vice David Lyons, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 30."

Pet. Westerfield Jr. Cooper, Third St. 10 ward, vice Nich. Romaine, Departed.

The Street Commissioner, on the subject of Encroachments on Streets, Reported:

"That in time past, from inattention or otherwise, divers Buildings and Fences have been erected within the City in such a manner as to stand partly on the Public Streets and Roads, and from tenderness to the possessors of the adjoining property, these encumbrances [10] have been suffered to continue for many years, with the intent that when such buildings &c. should decay, the Public Ways which were obstructed might be opened and extended—And whereas in many instances where these indulgences have been allowed, the occupiers have claimed by possession the premises so enclosed, whereby the public have been deprived of their right, and have been compelled to purchase the premises which in justice they are the owners of

"The Street Commissioner would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of an application being made to the Legislature to pass a Law, declaring that no length of possession whatever of any part of any public Street, Road, Way within the said City so encroached upon, shall be available to bar or prevent the correction and removal of any Nuisance by Buildings, Enclosures or otherwise, which have been or may be erected or made within or upon any Street, Road or Way within the City and County of New York."

&c. &c. &c.

(sign'd) John M^cComb
St. Commiss^r

which Report was approved, and the Counsel was directed to prepare a Memorial and Bill accordingly.

[11] The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a Memorial to the Legislature and a corresponding Bill, praying a Law may be passed requiring the Commissioner of Excise in this City to give Security for the payment of Money received for Tavern Licences —which was approved, and directed to be engrossed and forwarded to the Legislature.

He also presented a Memorial and Bill relative to Assessments, and also a Memorial and Bill relating to closing Streets—which were referred to Alderman Brackett Messieurs Stevens Van Amringe and The Counsel

The Counsel presented a Surrender of a Lease of Two Lots of Ground in Augustus Street from Samuel Tooker to the Corporation and also a Lease of the same Lots from the Corporation to Samuel Tooker for Twenty One years from the 1st of May next—Whereupon, it was resolved that the Surrender be accepted and that the Lease be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to John Low for certain Land at Bloomingdale which was sold on the 20th of February [12] last at Auction by order of the Corporation and purchased by him—Whereupon, the Deed was directed to be executed.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented a Report on the subject of extending the Fire Limits—which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on Assessments, on the Petition of J. Clermont for relief from an assessment of 50 dollars for personal tax for the year 1817, Reported:

"That they have reason to believe the petitioner is unable to pay said assessment, as, by his Affidavit hereunto annexed, he solemnly swears, that at no period of his residence in the United States has he been possessed of or worth Ten thousand dollars, the sum for which he is assessed—nor of any property whatever except wearing apparel or occasional supplies of Money for subsistence.

"In consideration therefore of the circumstances of the petitioner, he having arrived in this country insolvent, and being ignorant of the laws of this state which provide that the books of the Assessors shall remain open for the space of ten days, for the inspection of all concerned, the Committee respectfully recommend, that the Comptrol- [13] ler direct the Collector of the 5th Ward to release the property of the said Clermont from seisure on his paying the cost accruing thereon, and that he return the amount of said Tax as insolvent."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" John Remmey
" Sam. Stevens

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, Comptroller and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Garrit Abeel and others for a Basin between Catharine and James' Slips, Reported:

"That they have examined the aforesaid Premises, and believe nothing can be more to the interest of our Citizens than to give all the encouragement that is in our power to induce Coasters and Market Boats to come to our City.

"Your Committee unanimously recommend, that the Corporation take the Water East of Oliver Street to Catharine Slip on the East River for a public Slip for the better accommodation of Market Boats that ply in this Vicinity from various parts of our Country.

"Your Committee recommend further that the Street Commissioner, [14] be, and is hereby authorized to contract for and have

built a Pier at the foot of Oliver Street, extending to the permanent line with an Ell tending East Thirty feet.

"Your Committee have estimated the Expence, that will occur in consequence of this improvement, at a Sum not exceeding Twelve thousand Dollars, and that the Counsel of the Board be directed to take such measures as are proper and legal to vest in this Corporation all the rights of any person or persons claiming the Dock, Bulkhead or Pier within and adjoining the said premises—and that he, in advertising for proposals to build said Pier, direct that Estimates be made in the usual way, and also for building the Block at the end of the same of stone."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes
" Jno. M^cComb
St. Commis.

A Motion was made that the consideration be postponed until the next meeting of the Board. The question being taken thereon, and a Division called, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Negative Aldermen Brackett Underhill [15] Holmes Buckmaster, Burtis, Munson Messieurs Kip Van Amringe Remmey Akerly Taylor Allen 12

Affirmative Aldermen Coles Smith M^cQueen Thorp Mr. Stevens. 5

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative Aldermen Brackett Underhill Holmes M^cQueen Buckmaster Burtis Thorp Munson Messieurs Kip Van Amringe Remmey Akerly Allen 13

Negative. Aldermen Coles Smith Messieurs Stevens Taylor 4

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for regulating and paving Franklin Street between [16] Orange and Elm Streets, reported in favor of the Petitioners—which was confirmed and the Street Commissioner directed to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Finance Committee, on the Memorial of John Hone and J. F. Randolph relative to a Lot in Whitehall Street, reported:

"That they have examined the same and taken into consideration the propositions therein contained.

"The Committee have no hesitation in saying that the Memorialists have claims on the liberality and indulgence of the Board, and are satisfied that the erection of the contemplated building would put them to much expence and inconvenience which were not expected at the time of the original purchase by the memorialists: but it must also be admitted on the other hand that it would be unreasonable and unjust that they should derive benefit at the public expence from the non-improvement of this lot of ground by the Corporation.

"Under all the circumstances it is proposed that, as these gentlemen are willing to become the purchasers thereof, the said lot be sold to them for Twelve hundred dollars—the money to be paid within 15 days from the date of this report—and provided that [17] the memorialists immediately after making the purchase proceed to put up a neat and sufficient fence on the front of said lot, or to erect a fire-proof building thereon.

"and therefore that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to desist from making any improvement on said lot, till it shall be ascertained whether the terms aforesaid are acceptable."

(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
"	Leonard Kip
"	Reuben Munson
"	Stephen Allen
"	Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Thomas and William Benton, relative to the purchase of a Lot at the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets, reported:

"That there does not appear to the Committee any good reason why the Board should depart from the rule of selling their property at public Sale (should it be determined to dispose of the aforesaid lot,) nor why the petitioners should have a preference over other persons in purchasing.

"If, as is asserted by the petitioners, the lot lately purchased by them is very much depreciated in value by the improvement of Nassau [18] Street; it is not these persons who should complain—as the improvement in the street was made years before they purchased. It is well known also, that the deed accepted by them from the former owners (the heirs of the Gardner Estate) does not bound their Lot in Nassau Street, nor is it believed by the Committee that the petitioners, at the time of purchasing, had any idea of gaining an interest in the lot of ground in question, by making said purchase.

"The reason set forth in the petition, that the lot can be of little use to any person but themselves on account of its width, is altogether unfounded, as, instead of fourteen feet, it is, by actual measurement, twenty one feet in front.

"What is proper to be done with this piece of ground, your Committee are not at present prepared to say—but as respects the application now under consideration, they unanimously recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be rejected."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" Leonard Kip

which Report was approved.

[19] The Finance Committee, on the Comptroller's Report of the probable receipts and expenditures of the coming year, Reported:

"That they have considered with due attention a subject of so much interest to the public.

"It is their opinion that several items placed on the list of Ways and Means ought not to be counted on for the present. It is not probable that the property, either at Varick's or the Albany Basin will produce funds to meet the expences of the current year, in the opinion of the Committee, nor should any reliance be placed on the proposed additional Tax on Tavern Licences, or a tax on Pleasure Carriages. It is uncertain whether the Board would sanction such a proposition: and, even if they did, it is believed that Legislative interference would be necessary to carry it into effect.

"On these subjects, however, the Committee will shortly have the honor of laying their opinions before the Common Council for consideration.

"In the mean time they beg leave to state that it appears to them proper to ask for a larger amount by way of tax than is by the Comptroller proposed: and they therefore [20] recommend that application be made, in the usual manner, to the Legislature for the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be raised by Tax on the City and County."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Steph. Allen.

The question being taken on agreeing to the said Report, and a Di-

vision having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative. Aldermen Coles Brackett Underhill Smith Burtis Thorp Munson Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Taylor Allen 12

Negative. Aldermen Holmes M^cQueen Buckmaster Messieurs Remmey Akerly 5

A Memorial and Corresponding Bill to the Legislature, to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to raise money by tax, presented by the Counsel was agreed to.

The Committee on the subject of Vac- [21] cination presented a Report, which was read and referred back to the same Committee.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the subject of the Sewer in Broad Street, Reported:

" That at present it will be best to clear out the Drain as requested by the Petitioners—as it would require a considerable time before an Arrangement could be made for constructing a permanent Sewer

" Therefore recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to cause the Drain on the Easterly Side of Broad Street to be opened and cleared out as far as may be found necessary—and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John M^cComb
Street Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Committee on Wharves, Comptroller and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Elbert Anderson, David Board and Henry Heiser, presented a Report—which was referred back to the same Committee.

[22] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for paving the Side walks of Greenwich Street from Watts Street to Spring Street, and of Spring Street from Washington Street to Clark Street—reported favorably of the same, so far as not to interfere with Canal Street—which was approved.

A Resolution, directing the Comptroller and Street Commissioner to treat with the Owners of the property to be taken for the contemplated Public Basin or Slip between James and Catharine Slips—and a similar Resolution respecting the Slip between Roosevelt Street and James Slip—were presented, and referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to the legality of the Procedure.

On Motion of Alderman Buckmaster, Thomas Walton, Captain of the Watch of the Second District, was transferred to the First district as Captain of the same, in place of Michael Norris deceased. Reuben Clark was appointed Captain of the Watch of the Second district in place of Captain Walton transferred; and George Reynolds was appointed Assistant to the Captain of the Second district.

The Comptroller presented the sealed [23] proposals which he had received for the Lease of the Public Wharves and Slips for the ensuing year—whereupon the Lobby was cleared, and

The Doors closed.

The Several proposals were opened and examined, and, it appearing that the Proposition of Daniel M. Hitchcock offering the sum of Forty two thousand Seven hundred and fifty Dollars was the highest—Thereupon it was Resolved that a Lease of the Public Docks and Slips, for one year from the First of May next, be given to said Daniel M. Hitchcock, he securing the payment of the said sum of $42,750—in quarterly payments, the Sureties to be approved by the Mayor & Comptroller.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 2d ins	$1063.06
Received for Common Lands	15,873.09
" " Tax 1817—3d, 4th, 9th, and 10th wards	10,365.00
Received for First Street	2000.00
" " Streets	4400.00
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00
" " Canal Street	500.00
" " Excise	200.00
" " Mayoralty Fees	142.25
	34,643.40

[24] 22 Accounts Audited.

J. Anderson, Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do. 3d do	413.00
Jacob Radcliff Esqr. Salary as Mayor—18 Jany. to 2d ins	875.00
Jesse Dowe, Carriage Hire, 4 and 6 instants	26.00
Jno. Steele, portion of Fine as Informer against Pawnbroker	25.00
Edward Doughty, Surv. & Maps 10 ward—balance	289.50
Burrell Brown, Award for First Street	1038.00
Corporation St. Stephen's Chch. Award for First Street	788.47
John Andriesse—Award for First Street	616.52

Corporation of Methodist Chch. Award for First Street...	590.11	
James Warner, Award for First Street.....	361.99	
Peter G. Stuyvesant, Award for First Street.....	350.95	
Catharine Romaine, Award for First Street.....	97.80	
Benjamin Birdsall, Account Iron fence round the Park....	1000.00	
Devisees of A. K. Beekman, decd, Award for Collect, Walker, Pump and Rynder Streets.....	248.75	
[25] John Culbert, on account for paving Oliver Street....	100.00	
John Sloan, on account for regulating Bleecker St.....	100.00	
Jac. C. Mott, Self and Colleagues. making Assessments....	489.00	
John Anderson, 4th & last instal. bulkhead, Fulton St. N. River	1300.04	
R. F. Muller, for Bond and Interest in full.....	9471.53	
Richard Furman, Superint. of the Alms House.....	4000.00	=23,982.41
		10,660.99
Deduct 25 per ct. on Amount of Property sold 20 Feb. 1818—Carried to Acct. Sinking Fund.....		9,373.83
	Balance	$=1,278.16

Adjourned to Wednesday next, 4 o'clock.

[26] In Common Council March 11. 1818.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Akerly
Eldad Holmes	Jacob B. Taylor
Thos. R. Smith	Effing. Schieffelin
Rob. McQueen	Nehem. Allen
Arthur Burtis	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Common Council, that agreeably to the Charter of the City it is made his duty to appoint a Deputy Mayor, who in his absence or in case of his sickness may supply his place: that being about to leave the City for a short time he had availed himself of the authority vested in him by the Charter to appoint a Deputy Mayor, and had issued a commission to that effect to Thomas R. Smith Alderman of the 5th Ward, to which appointment the sanction of the Governor, as by the Charter is provided, had been given. The Commission to Alderman Smith under the signature of

the Mayor & Seal [27] of Mayoralty being dated the 3d day of March instant, and the approbation of his Excellency Dewitt Clinton Governor of the State dated the 7th day of March instant, were read. The Oaths, as prescribed by Charter and the Laws, were then administered to Alderman Smith by the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council.

A Memorial of Daniel Mosher, to be appointed a Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial from the Society established for the prevention of Pauperism, stating that agreeably to the Constitution of said Society the Corporation are entitled to appoint Five members of their body, who when so appointed are Members of the Board of Managers of said Society, and stating they hope that the Corporation will so far give their countenance to the Society as to appoint Five Managers agreeably to the Constitution. Whereupon the said Memorial was referred to the Committee heretofore appointed on the subject of the Poor.

The Committee, to whom at the last Meeting were referred the Memorials & Bills laid before the Board by the Counsel [28] with an intent to be presented to the Legislature—reported that they had examined the same, and now present them to the Board without amendment. Whereupon the following Memorials & Bills were approved and directed to be transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany—Namely—An act to authorize the Mayor &c. to raise money by tax—An act relative to the opening and enlarging Streets in the City of New York—and an Act authorizing the Mayor, Alderman, &c. to close Streets and Roads

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the Resolution (dated) to extend the Fire Limits, Reported on the 9th Instant—which was to day called up and read as follows:

"That they have taken the subject under their peculiar consideration and believe it proper to extend the limits, but your Committee are aware when they are about protecting the City against fire that they should not go so far as to embarrass improvements, and therefore believe it the most proper to recommend small additions to the limits from time to time as the City increases—therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

"Resolved—that application be made to the Legislature at their [29] present Session to extend the limits against the erection of Wooden buildings so as to commence at the East River at the foot of Montgomery Street—up Montgomery to Cherry—thence thro' Cherry

to Clinton—thence up Clinton to Harman—thence through Harman to Catharine—through Catharine to Chatham—thence down Chatham to Pearl—thence thro' Pearl to Elm—thence thro' Elm to Walker—thence thro' Walker to Beach—thence thro' Beach to the Hudson River, including also the Lots of ground fronting on both sides of said Streets through which the above-mentioned line runs—and including also the Lots of ground fronting on both Sides of Broadway up to Art Street—and that the Counsel present a Bill for that purpose agreeable to the present Law to the Legislature."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert M^cQueen
" A. L. Underhill

which Report was approved and the Counsel, agreeably to the request of the Committee, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and the draught of a Law entitled " An Act in addition to an Act for the more effectual prevention of fires in the City of New York—which was approved and directed to be transmitted to the Legislature.

[30] The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Barry praying remission of penalty incurred under the Fire Law, reported:

" That they consider the case of the petitioner as peculiarly hard, and therefore recommend that the fine be remitted on payment of costs."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert M^cQueen
" A. L. Underhill

which Report was approved.

A Petition of J. Andriese and Catharine Romaine, praying payment of a sum awarded to the Owners of a lot, taken for opening First Street, which belonged to them, but was returned as belonging to persons unknown—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

The Counsel, to whom was referred the Resolutions respecting the establishing of Public Basins between Roosevelt Street and Catharine Slip and between James Slip and Catharine Slip, reported:

" That he has examined the Law relative to the powers of the Corporation to take possession of the Piers and Dock between Roosevelt Street and James Slip, for the purpose of forming a public Slip or Basin.

[31] " That by the 219 Section of the Act relative to the City of

New York the Corporation are authorized to take possesion of the "Ground of any person," which may be required for the purpose of forming a Slip. The question therefore which presents itself is whether the property which is required is ground belonging to any person.

"The land under water between the Piers still belongs to the Corporation: the Dock in front of it is a Street or highway; and the Piers on each side are erected on the ground of the Corporation—individuals, however, are entitled to the Wharfage, which may be received from them. All the interest therefore which it is necessary to extinguish is the right of receiving wharfage. This interest is an incorporeal hereditament, or in other words is a right, not to the soil or the land, but to a privilege attached to it growing out of the land.

"As the ground, therefore, does not belong to individuals, and as the power vested in the Corporation is only to take possession of the "ground of any person" it follows that they have not the power of extinguishing the right of individuals to the wharfage.

"By the 227 Section of the same Act it is further provided [32] that the Corporation may lay out Slips or Basins, wherever they may think proper, but it also provides that nothing therein contained shall be so construed as to deprive any person of any private right or property which they may have acquired, or to interfere with any private property or right or privilege held under grants of the Corporation or otherwise—the power therefore of divesting the owners of their property cannot be derived from this Section.

"The Counsel is therefore of opinion that the Corporation do not possess the power of taking possession of the premises for the purposes for which they are required."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

The Resolution respecting the Basin between James and Catharine Slips was called up and amended, as follows:

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be directed to treat with the owners or parties interested in ground to be taken by this Board to lay out the Wharf or Slip between the foot of Oliver Street and Catharine Slip and to report to this Board."

On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called by Alderman Smith, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

[33] Affirmative. 11 Aldermen Coles Underhill Holmes Smith McQueen Burtis Munson Messieurs Van Amringe Akerly Schieffelin Allen

Negative. 5. Aldermen Brackett Thorp Messieurs Stevens Taylor & Mr Recorder.

The Resolution for laying out a Public Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip, which had been referred to the Counsel, was called up, read, amended and agreed to, as follows:

"Whereas it is expedient that a public Slip should be laid out on the East River, and that the ground lying and being on the South Side of Front Street between Front Street and the permanent line so called, and between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip should be taken for that purpose

Therefore—"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be and hereby are authorized to treat with the said owners and parties interested in the said ground for the same, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and that they report to this Board."

[34] The Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the opening of Oliver Street, was called up, read and agreed to in the words following: "That they have paid due attention to the subject and have caused a correct Map of this property to be made and which is herewith presented, by which it will appear that it will be necessary to take & remove all the buildings lying between the contemplated continuation of Oliver Street & Fayette Street, which space together with Fayette Street will be about 100 feet wide. Your Committee are of opinion that the improvement, if carried into effect, would be a very desirable one, as it would open another direct communication between the Bowery & the River, add much to the beauty and convenience of that part of the City & to the value of the property in Oliver Street. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted & the contemplated improvement carried into effect—provided that Oliver Street be opened to the width of 60 feet from Bancker Street to Chatham Square aforesaid and arrangements made with the proprietors of property on the Easterly side of Fayette Street to advance on front of the easterly line of the contemplated Oliver Street."

(signed) E. Holmes } Street Com.
" J. Remmey }
" Jno. M^cComb. St. Com^r

And the Counsel directed to take legal measures therefor.

Mr. Van Amringe moved that the Board take up the consideration of the Law relative to the Sweeping Chimnies &c. which was agreed to. Alderman Thorp then moved that the further consideration thereof

be postponed until the third Monday in May next. The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative. Mr. Van Amringe gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the Vote on the said question.

[35] The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith, and agreed to:

"Resolved that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the case of Fourth Street be requested to assess to this Corporation the value of a certain Lot or Gore of land at the intersection of the Bowery and Fourth Street, belonging to the heirs of John Norman, in order that the Corporation may become possessed of the same."

Upon the verbal representation of the Counsel, it was moved that the communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of encroachments on Streets and Roads, which had been agreed to at the last meeting of the Board, be reconsidered—which having been unanimously agreed to, the same was reconsidered and directed to be laid on the Table.

On motion of Alderman Brackett, Resolved—that a Committee be appointed to take the opinion of Counsel, in addition to that of the Counsel of the Board, respecting the powers given to the Corporation by the Law of the State in relation to Wharves, Piers and Slips. The Committee appointed were Aldermen Brackett Smith Holmes

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock

[36] In Common Council March 16. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith, Esq. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
J. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of William Cairns for permission to construct a Vault in the Street in Park Place, was read and granted on usual terms.

A Petition of James W. Lent, requesting permission to deposit Materials in Water and Broad Streets for purpose of a dwelling

house he was about erecting—A Petition from Samuel Disbrow and others owning lots fronting on Market Street between Lombardy and Henry Streets, requesting permission to occupy one half of the Street for the purpose of depositing [37] Building Materials thereon to be used for buildings they are about erecting—were severally read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

A Petition of Daniel Perrin for Stall No. 19 Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jane Renwick, Administratrix of William Renwick deceased, was received, stating that a Lot owned by the Estate of said Renwick at the corner of Greenwich and Canal Streets is directed to be paved—that that part of the street is not yet regulated, and therefore the paving of the same at the present time is not proper: and praying relief—whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Charles Day, for appointment of Measurer of Grain —and of Henry J. Kingsland for appointment of Inspector of Stone— were read and referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Representation in behalf of a Tuscarora Indian, who has been in the City some time learning the Carpenter's [38] Trade which is considered as being of great utility among the Indian tribe to which he belongs, and recommending some pecuniary aid to be granted to him—was read and referred to Aldermen Holmes Brackett Buckmaster.

A Petition of B. Romaine was received, stating that in December last he obtained from the Corporation permission to construct a Vault in Hudson Street, but in proceeding in the Work the Workmen came across an old Vault of considerable magnitude, and which extended some distance into the street—that he proceeded to construct his vault, and after the same was nearly completed the whole, in consequence of the old vault, fell in—and praying relief—which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John B. Fiora, praying further time for payment of an Assessment for paving and flagging Broadway, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry persons, Quarrymen and Boatmen employed in the portage [39] of Stone, stating that difficulties and disputes frequently arise respecting what constitutes a Carman's Load of Stone, and recommending the creation of an Office of Inspector of

Stone and the appointment of a person to fill that Office—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition from Sundry Owners of lots, praying that Collect Street from Pearl Street to Franklin Street, and Leonard Street from Orange Street to Elm Street be regulated and paved—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey, praying that a Triangular lot of ground at the corner of Chatham and Chamber Streets, leased to them by the Corporation, may be sold to E. Anderson in Fee—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of Stephen Whitney, Moses Jaques and John Lang, stating that they wish to improve their property in White Hall Street between Bridge and Pearl Streets, and to place those buildings on a straight line from Bridge Street—and requesting direction in the premises [40] was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Jacob Halsey and Daniel D. Wickham, praying that an Assessment for Canal Street laid upon the Church in Spring Street may be remitted—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Remonstrance from sundry Owners of Lots against the proposed lowering of Pearl Street near Franklin Square was read.

A Petition of Benjamin U. Coles, stating that he is about erecting at Four Story Building at the corner of Broad, Pearl and Bridge Streets—that by the Survey of the Street Commissioner the line of his proposed Building fronting on Broad Street is carried off the Street and runs diagonally which will give an unsightly appearance to the Street—and praying them he may be permitted to erect his building on a line from the Northwest corner of Bridge and Broad Streets to the Southwest corner of Pearl and Broad Streets—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner and Attorney

The Committee on the subject of Vacci- [41] nation on a Resolution relative to the expediency of extending its benefits to the poor, reported, on March 4th

" That from the personal observations of your Committee, from an intercourse with physicians and from a reference to the recorded opinions of Medical writers on the efficacy of the Kine Pock, Your Committee are led to believe that it deserves to be ranked among the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon mankind.

"So unanimous are the best informed persons in every civilized country, in this opinion, that your Committee are induced to consider the preventive powers of the Kine Pock as firmly established as the most undoubted truths in literature or science not susceptible of mathematical demonstration.

"And, it does not appear that any important discovery, whether the result of accident or research, ever met with more favorable reception in every portion of the globe. Even the system of inoculating with the small pox, when first introduced into England by Lady Montague, experienced far more opposition.

"On the propriety of this Board making provision for the further diffusion of the benefits of the Kine Pock, Your Committee would remark that [42] the Practice of Vaccination has been encouraged by legislative and Municipal bounty in every country where it has been once introduced. Your Committee instance the Acts of the British Parliament, the Imperial and Royal Decrees of the European Courts and even the Ukases of the Russian Emperor.

"The attention which has been bestowed on this subject by the Congress of the United States, and by most of the State Legislatures is too well known to require comment.

"The Poor of our City suffer particularly from the neglect of vaccination. It is therefore incumbent on the Board to make provision for them—and the most economical mode of attaining this object has been the subject of consideration by your Committee.

"They remark that the City Dispensary now receives from the Board the sum of Five hundred dollars annually, not for gratuitous vaccination, but for medical attendance on the poor, generally. And it is understood that the Remuneration (necessarily small) made to the physicians of this Establishment would be no consideration for the trouble and loss of time incident to vaccinating the poor at their places of resi- [43] dence and afterwards attending to repeat the operation, or to satisfy themselves that the disease has been communicated.

"It appears that the Institution has divided the City into Six districts, to each of which a Physician is assigned. The Committee are of opinion that thro' these physicians the benefit of vaccination should be farther extended to the poor

"And therefore recommend an annual appropriation of Six hundred Dollars (during the pleasure of the Board) to the City Dispensary, in consideration of their vaccinating the poor of the City, not only at their Public Establishment, but at the Houses of the Poor, in all cases where they wish the operation performed at their places

of abode, or where the names of persons wishing to be vaccinated may be furnished by any Member of the Corporation:

" Provided, always, that the Trustees of the Dispensary shall make to the Board an annual report of the number of persons vaccinated, designating whether done at the Establishment or out of it, the Physician by whom the operation was performed, the residence of the person vaccinated, and whether the Disease was actu- [44] ally communicated."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Thos. R. Smith
" Jno. B. Coles

On which Report (which had been referred back to the Committee,) they this day Reported:

" That the physicians of the Dispensary have engaged to vaccinate all persons, being of the description in the Report referred to, who live South of the following Boundary—towit

Along the great Kill near Fort Gansevoort through Greenwich Lane to Art Street, across the Bowery, and through Stuyvesant Street to the East River.

Your Committee therefore recommend the Adoption of the annexed Report."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Thomas R. Smith
" John B. Coles
" Reuben Munson

On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative. Mr Recorder Aldermen Coles Brackett Buckmaster Munson [45] Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Remmy Taylor Allen 11

Negative. Aldermen Underhill Holmes M^cQueen Burtis Thorp Mr. Akerly 6

The Committee of Laws, to whom was referred the Petition relative to appointing an Inspector of Shingles and an Inspector and Measurer of Cut Stone and Lath, Reported:

That the object of the same is proper for the general interest of the City, and that they recommend that the Counsel do draft a Memorial to the Legislature for a Law to authorize the appointment of such officers—Whereupon, the same was directed to be referred to the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel for his opinion whether the

Corporation did not possess the right to create and appoint such officers without a Law of the State to that effect.

The Committee on Public Lands, on the Petition of the New York Free School, Society for the use of a Room, Reported, as follows:— That they

"have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition [46] should be granted.

"The petitioners pray to be allowed the use of the upper part of the Engine House at Greenwich for two years, for the purpose of extending the benefits of the Free School Establishment to the Inhabitants of Greenwich.

"The Committee, deeming the subject of education to be of the utmost importance to the present as well as to future generations, consider the application of the Trustees of the New York Free School as deserving of notice, and the object worthy of encouragement.

"The Room over the Engine House above referred to being unoccupied, your Committee think that it cannot be appropriated to a better purpose for the present than to employ it for the purposes of Education. Wherefore they recommend that a lease be given to the Trustees of the New York Free School of the room over the Engine House at Greenwich for two years from 1st May 1818."

(signed) Arthur Burtis
" Robt McQueen
" Jacob B. Taylor

which Report was approved.

[47] The Road Committee, on the Communication of Robert Latimer wishing to abandon his Contract for the 8th Avenue, Reported:

"That they have had the same under consideration and are fully of the opinion that said Latimer should be released from his engagements, and be paid Two thousand dollars upon giving up his Contract and signing a Receipt in full for his claims in working the Eighth Avenue. The Committee are led to recommend this course of proceeding from the following considerations.

"From the best information and a personal knowledge of Mr. Latimer, your Committee believe that he is an industrious and hard working man, willing but unable to complete his contract for the want of means. It appears also that he has been led into erroneous calculations and a dependence upon promises of aid which were never fulfilled. It being impossible for him to proceed, and having given no

security, there is no other course left for the Corporation than to accept of his abandonment and compromise with him.

"With respect to the amount of Two thousand Dollars, as [48] proposed to be given on settlement, your Committee have made the following Calculation.

"The Contract for working the Eighth Avenue was Fifteen Thousand dollars. Mr. Latimer has finished, and the Committee with the Street Commissioner have accepted rather more than one third of said Avenue. Five thousand five hundred dollars have been paid the Contractor, and being now unable to proceed, he claims Four thousand dollars for work done on other parts of the Avenue not accepted, but your Committee have estimated that about Two thousand dollars would be in proportion to the Contract for the whole, and as he has finally concluded to accept of Two thousand instead of Four thousand, a settlement with him is accordingly recommended, and that a Warrant pass in favor of the Street Commissioner for Two thousand dollars to effect the same.

"Your Committee would farther recommend in order to complete the Eighth Avenue, that the Work should be contracted for on small portions of it at a time, and that for the ensuing season not more than Twenty five hundred [49] dollars be appropriated for said Avenue."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" George B. Thorp
" John M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report the Warrant therein recommended.

The Alms House Committee, on the subject of extending the ground of that Establishment, Reported:

"That they have enquired into the subject, and are of opinion that the limits of said Establishment should be extended westward to the Second Avenue, and be bounded southwardly by 24^th^ Street and northerly by 28^th^ Street. By this extension of the boundaries about seven acres of ground must be taken belonging to individuals who are unable or unwilling to sell.

"Your Committee having examined the premises and enquired into its value, have concluded from the roughness of the ground and the opinion of well informed persons that one thousand dollars per acre would be an ample price for the same.

"Wherefore they recommend that the Counsel be directed to apply [50] to the State Legislature for authority to extend the limits of the Alms House Establishment at Bellevue, to be bounded by 24th Street on the South—by the 2d Avenue on the west—and by 28th Street on the north."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly.
" Geo. B. Thorp
" John McComb St. Commr

which was approved, and the Counsel directed to prepare the necessary Memorial and Bill.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of Richard Varick, presented a Report—which was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Comptroller respecting the Lot of ground in William Street belonging to the Corporation, Reported:

"That application to rent the same having been made by Jane and Cornelia Ammerman, relatives of the late Mrs. De Groot, for the ensuing year at the rate of Two hundred dollars per annum, [51] in their opinion the said offer should be accepted, provided they also pay all taxes and repairs, and give such security for the rent as shall be approved of by the Comptroller within fifteen days from the present time."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Magdalen Eagles, praying relief from an assessment on her property for opening Canal Street, reported:

"That they have long considered the principle as conclusively established that the Corporation, as the agents of the parties damaged or benefitted by opening or improving Streets, are not bound either by justice or equity to remit any assessment imposed for that purpose.

"The present case however in the opinion of your Committee, claims the sympathy and commiseration of the Board. The Petitioner states, that she is now in the 76th year of her age; that she is the widow of Thomas Eagles, a Soldier of the Revolution; and that she

is utterly incapable of doing [52] any thing for her subsistence, and has no dependence except the small income amounting to about one hundred dollars per year derived from the property assessed.

"The Committee candidly confess, that the veneration they feel for the heroes of our Revolution, whose exertions, privations and sufferings have effected the elevated situation of this country, and thro' whose means under providence we enjoy all the comforts and privileges of which human nature is susceptible, has had a strong influence on their minds in forming an opinion on this subject. The widow of a Revolutionary Soldier, therefore, who is now in years more than threescore and ten, will not appeal in vain to the philanthrophy of the gentlemen composing this Board who, as she truly says, "would rather add to, than diminish her comforts."

The Committee respectfully recommend that a Warrant pass for Thirty dollars to be applied to the payment of the assessment on the property of Magdalen Eagles for opening Canal Street."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens
" John B. Coles
" Eldad Holmes

[53] which Report was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas B. Clark, reported:

"That the prayer of the petition is reasonable and will not interfere with the regulation of Lombardy Street—wherefore they recommend that the house of the petitioner be allowed to remain as it stands till the 1st of May 1819, and that the money awarded him remain in the Treasury till that time, and the house immediately thereafter be removed as required for the regulating of Lombardy Street."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster
" Samuel Akerly
" John McComb St. Commr

which Report was approved.

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening a part of the 10th Avenue from its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road near 143d Street to its intersection with the Kingsbridge Road, reported that it would at this time

be improper to grant the request of the Petitioners—which was approved.

[54] The Committee, to whom the subject of regulating Franklin Square was referred, reported:

"That they have carefully considered the subject, and are fully of opinion that it will be proper at this time to alter the present pavement so as to conform to the late alteration at the intersection of Pearl and Cherry Streets, and which will reduce the surface opposite Frankfort Street perhaps Eighteen inches—from thence to the Pump towards Peck Slip—the pavement to be taken up, and reduced as low as may be consistent with the preservation of the present Side Walks

"And they respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

"At the same time it is their opinion that if Frankfort Street should be widened and straightened, as is contemplated at some future day, and Dover Street altered and widened, the owners of property in that part of Pearl Street would find it to their interest to have the street lowered, so as to form a direct line of elevation from Ferry Street to Hague Street."

(sign'd) J. W. Brackett
Eldad Holmes
[55] " Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" John M^cComb St. Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom it had been referred to treat with the Owners of property required for the contemplated Slips between Oliver Street and Catharine Slip and between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip, presented a Report—which was read and laid for consideration.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Franklin Street from Orange Street to Elm Street, and an Ordinance for regulating and paving Water Street from Clinton Street to Corlaer's Street—which were passed, and Jacob C. Mott, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors in the former, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower in the latter.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Canal Street. whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

[56] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following 29 Nuisances—namely:

T. Miller Thomas Proctor	Agt. Own.	87	Cross Street	Privy.
A. Cox O. Hicks	Own. Occ.	72	Forsyth St.	do
Wm Few Esqr J. Knowland	Own. Occ.	16	Doyer St.	do
Will. Beaty and Gage Reynolds	Les. & Occ.	20	Lumber St.	do
J. Quackenbos J. Coenhoven	Own. Occ.	48	Chrystie St.	do
J. Quackenbos B. F. Sloat	Own. Occ.	50	do	do
Will. Cruikshank P. Heiser	Own. Occ.	13	Pell St	do
J. S. Douglass E. Colles and A Nesbit	Exec Occupants	23	do	do
S. Downing	Own. & Occ.	28	do	do
B. Disbrow Will. Baldwin	Own. Occ.	30	do	do
C. Crolius H. Brown	Own. Occ.	32	do	do
Mrs. Garrigan Mary Low	Own. Occ.	34	do	do
Will. Meyers B. Archer	Own. Occ.	1	Chesnut St	do
Mrs. M. Brown E. Palmer	Own. Occ.	10	do	do
Mr. Leggett T. Hawkins	Own. Occ.	11	do	do
[57] Mr. Taylor H. Hamilton	Own. Occ.	13	Chesnut St	do
Jas. Gray,	Lessee & Occ.	18	do	do
Mrs. S. Callard G. Adams	Own. Occ	20	do	do
S. Frost J. C. Wright	Lessee Occ.	27	do	do

A. Carman, President of the Mutual Relief Society	Lessee	9	Orange St	Privy.
John Scarlet	Occ.			
L. F. Vultee	Own.	13	do	do
P. Maxwell	Occ.			
J. Bingham	Own.	14	do	do
A. Roach	Occ.			
T. Miller	Own.	17	do	do
A. Stevenson	Occ.			
R. Furman, Guardian of the Estate of Robt. & Mary Beattie	Own.	19	do	do
Will. Currie	Occ.			
P. Mahan,	Own. & Occ.	21	do	do
D. Hutchins,	do do	23	do	do
J. R. Livingston	Own.	31	do	do
J. Collens	Occ.			
R. Dickerson	Own.	33	do	do
T. Wilson	Occ.			
R. Dickerson	Own.	35	do	do
Will. Edmonds	Occ.			

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspec

which Ordinances were passed.

[58] The following person was appointed Fireman, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy) Fire Eng. Comp. N° 23.

Jno. Eagles, Dry Good Merch, 130 Chatham S. 6 w^d^ vice Benjamin Griffin, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report respecting Stoops:

"That some time since an Ordinance was passed limiting the height of stoops and Steps to five feet—which having been found to be a useful regulation

" The undersigned respectfully suggests the propriety of amending the law relating to stoops, steps &c. so as to describe the height."

(sign'd) John M^c^Comb.
Street Comm^r^

which was approved, and the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel was directed to report an amendment to the Law agreeably thereto.

A Presentment of the Jury of the City and County at the Sessions on 14th March against the running at large of dogs, and also a Representation of the state of the City Prison and Debtor's Gaol which they had visited, which they represented as highly creditable to the Keeper—were read and laid on the Table.

[59] A Resolution was presented by Mr. Stevens directing the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Board for the paving of South Street between Peck Slip and Dover Street—which was agreed to.

Mr. Van Amringe, agreeably to notice given at the last meeting, moved that the Board reconsider the vote taken on the motion of Alderman Thorp to postpone the consideration of the Law respecting the appointment of a Superintendant of Sweeps until the Third Monday in May next. The question of agreeing to reconsider being taken, it was carried in the Affirmative. It was then moved, that the subject be referred to the former Committee on that subject. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative—A Motion was then made for adjournment till Monday next 4 o'clock and carried

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 9 ins	$1287.16	
Received of Justices Police Off	345.81	
" for Tavern Licences	58.50	
" " Common Lands	371.72	
" Tax 1817—3 & 5 wds	5055.00	$7118.49

[60] 12 Accounts Audited.

Jos. S. Webb, repairing 42 Watch Caps—1 district	7.25	
Phil. Becannon, Bread Inspec 1 Quarter Salary—10 inst	94.90	
Rob. Provoost, painting & glazing lamps in Feby	73.84	
Abr. Storm, repairs Piers No. 1 East River and Dey St	22.63	
Elish. W. King, Int. on bond 1 year, 1 Feb. 1818	128.45	
R. Munson Esq. 16 Casks Oil bought of Mr. Crosby	1186.15	
A. Wright, G. Furman, & P. Hawes, Commrs of Estimate ground at Beekman Slip	372.00	
Pet. De Baum, regg Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St	1000.00	
Jas. Meghan, pav. Greenwich St. from Hamersly to Christopher St	1000.00	
J. Culbert, pav. White St. from Broad way to Elm St	100.00	
Hugh Smith, pav. Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St	100.00	
Chs. Mooney, pav. Cross St. from Pearl to Mott Street	100.00	4185.22
	Balance	$=2933.27

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[61] In Common Council March 23. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith Esq. Deputy Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Geo. Buckmaster	W. F. Van Amringe
Arthur Burtis	John Remmey
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
	Effing. Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Communication was received from the Reverend John Stanford, communicating a Manuscript Copy of a Catechism composed by himself for the use of the Children in the school of the Alms House—and also requesting to be permitted to take *of* [from] the Clerk's Office occasionally one of the volumes of the Minutes of the Council to enable him to complete an historical account of the public Buildings of the City which he is now engaged in—which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[62] A Petition of Josephine Du Bourg, a native of Saint Domingo, praying some pecuniary aid to enable her to join her husband now in France—was read and referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to grant aid to Petitioner in a sum not exceeding Fifty dollars.

A Petition of Abraham Fisher, requesting a Licence for his son a Minor to drive a Cart—was read and referred to the Deputy Mayor, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of William Pye for permission to construct a Vault in Chamber Street, and one of John Adams for a vault in the same Street, were granted on the usual terms.

A similar Petition of Elbert Anderson for a Vault in Chamber Street was granted: and a petition of Mr. Anderson to construct a Brick Cistern in the Street—was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Heirs of John Post, for a Water Grant, and permission to sink a Bulkhead on the Lot at Corlaer's Hook belonging to the Estate [63]—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Petition of John Ackerman to be permitted to remove a small Frame House from the corner of Washington and Harrison Streets to the corner of Harrison Street and Rhinelander's Alley—was read and leave granted on condition that the Petitioner employed a Truck for the removal of said Building.

A Petition of Charles Caharty, for Remission of Penalty for keeping a disorderly house on Sunday, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Alexander R. Wilson, to be appointed a City Weigher, was read and granted.

A Petition of Samuel Johnson, to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Joseph F. Margin, praying a Loan of a Sum of money—was read and referred to the Committee on Charity.

[64] A Representation or Request of Daniel M. Hitchcock, Contractor for the Public Docks and Slips, that the payments to be made by him may be made in 4 equal Instalments, the first to commence on the 1st of November next and the last on the 1st November following —was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Remonstrance of Sundry Inhabitants of the First Ward residing near White Hall and Bridge Street against the alterations prayed for on said Street by Messrs. Whitney and others—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject

Namely The Street Committee and The Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Samuel Jones of Oyster Bay in Queens' County was received, stating that he some years since ceded to the Corporation two streets in the Eigth Ward named Jones Street and Bond Street—that, by some inaccuracy of the Surveyor who run out the said Streets, the Northerly line of Jones' Street varies from the line in the Deed of Cession and is a few inches too far north on the Bowery, and about two feet too far north [65] on Broad Way—that the only buildings erected are one erected by Peter Hattrich, another by Joseph Graham, by David S. Jones and Petitioner—that the Buildings erected are upon the line of the Streets as now laid out: and praying that the South westerly corner of the building erected by said Peter Hattrich and the Southeasterly corner of the Building erected by said Joseph Graham may be considered as standing on the Northerly side of Jones Street, and that a line from Broad Way to the Bowery through those points be the future Northerly Line of that street—and that the Southerly line of Jones' Street and the lines of Bond Street be corrected in conformity to said alteration—Whereupon, it was resolved, that the prayer of said

Memorialist be granted and that the lines of the said Street be hereafter considered to run as above described and set forth.

A Petition of William Hunter and Thomas Morrell, Lessees of the Ferry at Grand Street, was received, stating that from various causes they have been unable to establish the Boats on their Ferry within the time prescribed in their lease—and praying an extension of the time. Whereupon, resolved that the Petitioners have time for 4 months from this date for placing [66] said Boats on the Ferry.

A Petition of Walter Covert was received, stating that in May last he took out a License from the Mayor to retail spirituous liquors—which license he lost; that he has been twice prosecuted for selling liquor without license and not being able to produce the License recoveries have been had against him and he has paid the fines thereon—that lately he has been able to produce testimony, which he hoped would be satisfactory to the Common Council, of his having taken out said License—and therefore prayed the monies so paid might be refunded to him. A Deposition by himself of the fact, and of John Ryan and John Wright of having seen such a License in Petitioner's possession, and of Eliza Ryan that her husband compared his License with a License of petitioner's and that they were alike—accompanied the Petition. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices and the Attorney.

The Attorney, to whom in the absence of the Counsel was referred the Report of the Committee on Laws on the subject of appointing an Inspector of Shin- [67] gles and a Measurer of Cut Stone and Laths, reported That

"The Petitioner complains of impositions practised in the measurement of hewn stone and in the sale of Marcus Lath, and prays that the same may be regulated by Law, and that a Measurer of hewnstone may be appointed and an Inspector of Lath.

"By the Charter of the City the Corporation possess the power of regulating the measuring and surveying of Commodities in the City; and also the power of passing all Laws which they may deem necessary for the good government and welfare of the City, provided such laws be not contrary to the constitution and acts of the Legislature of the state.

"It is from this general source that the Corporation have derived the power which they have always exercised, and which he has never heard doubted, of passing and enforcing several laws of a similar nature to the one required by the annexed petition viz—the Law to regulate the sale & inspection of Lime—the Law to prevent fraud in

the sale of vegetables—to regulate the sale and inspection of Firewood, Hay &c. These laws all refer to articles or commodities intended for home consumption or for the use [68] of the City.

" The Act of the Legislature, entitled an Act for the Inspection of Lumber, like all the Inspection laws of the State, applies only to such articles as are intended for exportation, and was enacted with a view only to foreign markets. It imposes no regulations on articles consumed or used in the City, and would not therefore clash with any local arrangement of the place.

" As the Petition refers to articles intended for home consumption or City use, and prays for a Law to prevent frauds and impositions practised in the sale and measurement of those articles, the Attorney is of opinion that the Corporation have the power of passing the law required without an Application to the Legislature for that purpose."

(sign'd) A. Sherman

He also, on a reference to him from the Report of the same Committee on the subject of Inspection of Shingles, reported

" That as the Law called for by the Petitioners would apply to the inspection of Shingles intended for home consumption only—and as the State laws relating to the Inspection of Lumber applies only to Lumber [69] to be exported, he is of opinion that the Corporation have the power to make the regulation required, and that in so doing they would not contravene any existing act of the Legislature or exceed the power given to them by the Charter."

(sign'd) A. Sherman.

which several Reports were approved, and it was referred to the following Committee to report Ordinances agreeably thereto, namely to Aldermen Thorp Buckmaster Kip and The Attorney, of the Board.

It was also resolved that the Committee on Laws, to whom at the last meeting was referred a Petition requesting the appointment of an Inspector of Building Stone be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the above Committee to consider thereof, and, if they deem it advisable, to report an Ordinance regulating the same and providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Building Stone.

The Attorney agreeably to the reference to him reported the Draft of a Law entitled a " Law to amend the Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, and to regulate [70] the paving and keeping in repair and to prevent obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York "—which was read and passed.

The Attorney presented a Communication, stating that complaints

had been made against the following persons licensed to retail spirituous liquors for permitting gaming in their houses contrary to the Recognizances entered into by them—Namely Richard Shoe Silent Graves Thomas Bartow Jno. H. Morrison
whereupon it was referred to the Committee of Laws with authority to direct prosecution, if in their opinion proper.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.)

"Floating Fire Engine Company."

Thos. Dixon, grocer, Division c. Third, 10 ward, vice William Conklin, Resigned to join the City Watch.

Sam. Parker, House Carp. 19 Oliver St. 4 ward, vice Isaac Williams, Resigned.

Sam. Bowman, painter, 33 Oak Street, 1 ward, vice Alex. Thompson, Deceased.

[71] "Fire Hose Company No. 1."

Rich. Vose, Mercht. 20 Harrison St. 5 ward, vice Joseph Eldridge, Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

Will. L. Hardie, Tobacconist, 36 Water St. 1 ward, vice a Vacancy by a new place.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 11."

Hen. Lowery, Mercht. 27 Moore St. 1 ward, as an additional member.

Jno. D. Brown, Chair M^{r} 53 Broad St. 1 ward, as an additional member.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 22."

Jno. Covert, Ship Wr^{t} 13 Pike St., 7 ward, vice Jno. Buckmaster, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 27."

Jotham Gathwait, Mason, 24 Spring St. 8 ward, vice Azariah Ross, Departed.

Absalom F. Randolf, Mason, 25 Spring St. 8 ward, vice Henry Howard, Chosen Fire Warden.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following 23 Nuisances:—namely

Will. Argell,	Own. & Occ.	5 Thomas St.	Privy.
L. Rooney,	Own.	48½ Duane St.	do
M. Barber	Occ.		

Mr. Smith Jas. Grant J. Smith	Own. Agt. Occ.	25	Oak Street	Privy.
[72] Will. Brevoort M. W. Hunt	Own. Occ.	29	Oak Street	do
S. Cave,	Les. & Occ.	293	Broadway	do
W. & G. Post R. L. Murray	Own. Occ.	313	Pearl Street	do
J. Clark M. O'Connor	Own. Occ.	315	"	do
W. Bowne C. & J. Coles	Own. Occ.	355	"	do
W. Bowne S. Wood	Own. Occ.	357	"	do
J Bertine E. Crane	Own. Occ.	361	"	do
J. O. Bogert R. E. Mount	Own. Occ.	363	"	do
J. O. Bogert J. Kissam	Own. Occ.	367	"	do
G. Effingham J. Hawxhurst	Own. Occ.	393	"	do
Dr. J. Francis S. Shaw	Own. Occ.	413	"	do
Dr. J. Francis J. Delatore	Own. Occ.	415	"	do
J. Bogert Mrs. A. Byvanck,	Own. Occ.	417	"	do
J. Bogert C. Wilson	Own. Occ.	419	"	do
M. Redder	Own. & Occ.	421	"	do
Miss Gilmore A. Perry	Own. Occ.	435	"	do
Miss Gilmore J. Stinefelt	Own. Occ.	435½	"	do
N. Starache	Occ.	295	Broadway	do
[73] M. Leon Rev. W. Thatcher W. Murphy	Own. Les Occ.	445	Pearl St.	do

M. Leon	Own.	455½ Pearl St.	Privy.
Mrs. McKenzie	Occ.		

(sign'd) G. Cuming
City Inspec

which Ordinances were passed.

The Attorney in behalf of the Counsellor presented Deeds to George Lorillard for certain Collect Lots—a Deed to John Hone for a Lot in White Hall Street—a Deed to Stephen Thorn Junior for a Lot at the Corner of Augustus and Chamber Streets—a Lease to Hart and Belden for the upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge Street —also Leases to sundry persons for the Cellars under Catharine Market—which were severally directed to be duly executed. He also presented a Lease to Daniel M. Hitchcock for the Public Wharves and Slips, and a Contract with George Lovett for building a Dock at the foot of Spring Street—which were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Anthony Street (formerly Little Water Street) from Cross Street towards Canal Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

[74] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving South Street from Peck Slip to Dover Street—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments—for improving Franklin Square—for enlarging and improving Orange Street—for regulating and paving Orange Street from Chatham Street to Bayard Street—for paving Orange Street from Pump Street to Hester Street—for enlarging and improving Maiden Lane—for regulating and paving Mulberry Street, and for regulating and paving White Street—Whereupon, warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collection of the same.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for paving Collect and Leonard Streets, Reported:—

"That they have duly considered the subject, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted as to regulating

the Streets—and would recommend that the Ordinances here- [75] with submitted may be passed for regulating Collect Street, and Leonard Street from Orange Street to Elm Street."

(sign'd) John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" John McComb St. Commr

which Report was approved, and an ordinance for regulating Collect Street from Pearl Street to Canal Street, and an Ordinance for regulating Leonard Street from Elm Street to Orange Street, were passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for opening Willet Street, Reported—That

"The Prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted.

"Sheriff Street as well as Willett Street has been inclosed and occupied as a Nursery and Garden for a number of years.

"They therefore recommend that Sheriff and Willett Streets be opened and regulated, in order that the Occupants may not by possession acquire any rights therein—for which purpose they have directed the Street Commissioner to prepare the inclosed [76] Ordinances."

(sign'd) John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" John McComb St. Commr

which was approved, and an Ordinance for regulating Willett Street from Grand Street to North Street, and an Ordinance to regulate Sheriff Street from Grand Street to North Street, were passed—and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The Special Committee, on the Petition of David Dunham and others for an extension of their lease for the ferry at the foot of Delancey Street, recommended:

"That the Lease be so extended as to expire the same time the one does at Grand Street, which will be twenty years from August next—(your Committee understand the present lease of D. Dunham has Sixteen years yet to run.) If this should meet the approbation of

the Board, the Lease at the foot of Grand Street and the one at Delancey Street will expire at one and the same time (say) in 1838"

All which is res- [77] pectfully submitted

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Albert Burtis
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe
" John B. Coles

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and Street Commissioner, on Petition of the Heirs of John Gardner deceased complaining that the Corporation received Wharfage from the Property of the deceased, Reported:

"That they have made the necessary enquiries and state that the Corporation have not collected or authorized any such collection on aforesaid property."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" John McComb } St. Commis.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of John B. Fiora, Reported:

"That in their opinion it would be improper to make any special Arrangement in relation thereto, as such a measure would interfere with the Contracts made for paving and flagging said Street—[78] but as the case of the Petitioner appears to be a hard one, they would suggest that the Collector be instructed to use as much forbearance in this instance as is consistent with the duties of his Office."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of the Trustees of Spring Street Church, Reported: That

"The amount of the Tax is understood to be about forty Dollars, and the sum of course can be of little consequence to the funds of the Corporation: but at the same time it is believed that to remit or can-

cel the Tax might introduce a bad precedent and be followed by consequences detrimental to the public interest—and as, on the other hand, it is well known to the Committee that this Church is labouring under great pecuniary embarrassments, it is recommended that the Collector of the Tax be instructed to delay the Collection thereof till the further order of the Board." all [79] which is respectfully submitted

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of John Andariese and Catharine Romaine praying for a sum of money awarded *to* [him for] a lot on opening First Street, Reported:

" That they have examined the claims of the Petitioners so far as documents have been presented to them or information could be obtained: and the Committee have no reason to doubt the justness thereof: still as the chain of title has not been fully laid before the Committee, and as it is right that in all such cases the Board should proceed with prudence and caution, it is respectfully recommended that before this award, amounting to about One hundred and twenty dollars, is paid to the Petitioners, they execute to the Corporation a bond with good and sufficient security to be taken under the direction of the Comptroller to bear the said Corporation harmless in consequence of making said payment."

(sign'd) Smith: Kip: Allen
" Munson: Akerly

which was approved.

[80] The Committee on Wharves, on the petition of Abraham Storms presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table.

The Special Committee, on the Communication from General Clarkson on the subject of Pauperism, Reported:

" That they have had the same under consideration—but from the present limited information possessed by your Committee as to the views and plans of the Association on the subject of Pauperism, your Committee decline giving an opinion as to its probable practical advantage.

"They remark that the subject is an important one to the Corporation and the Community at large

" They therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to confer with the gentlemen composing this Association, and to report to the Board from time to time such facts and information on this subject as in their opinions will be interesting to the Corporation."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

[81] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others presented a Report, which was read and referred back to the same Committee for further consideration.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Memorial of Richard Varick, which was presented at the last meeting and laid on the table, was called up, and after some discussion the Recorder presented the following Resolution:

" Resolved—that it be referred to the Street Commissioner in conjunction with Four Surveyors, two to be selected by Colonel Varick and two by the Street Commissioner in behalf of the Corporation, to ascertain and report to this Board where the true line of Bleecker Street runs and make an exhibit thereof by a Map, to be made in connection with the land of Colonel Varick adjoining Bleecker Street."

which Resolution was agreed to.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Benjamin U. Coles, relative to his Building in Broad Street, Reported:

" That they have carefully examined the subject, and are of opinion [82] that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted inasmuch as it would form a disagreeable projection into the Street when viewed in any direction, and the Petitioner has proceeded to lay the foundation of this building on the line as expressed in his deed."

(sign'd) Leonard Kip
" John Remmey
" John McComb } St. Commr }

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Applications, on the Petition of John Johnson, for an appointment to office, Reported:

" That he is a suitable person to receive the appointment of wood Inspector, and recommend his appointment as wood Inspector for

the Thirteenth District in the place of Israel Wood whom your Committee represent as having neglected his duties and therefore recommend his removal."

(sign'd) Effingham Schieffelin
" Jacob B. Taylor.

whereupon, on motion that Israel Wood be removed from the Office of Inspector of Firewood, the Same was carried in the Affirmative: and on like Motion, John Johnson was ap- [83] pointed Inspector of Firewood for the Thirteenth District.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Messrs. Bailey and Anderson,*

[84] Resolved—that it be referred to the Committee on Assessments to examine and report a better plan for the ruling and preparing the Assessor's books for the year 1818.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Alms' house Committee to make such arrangements for the working such of the Convicts and the management of the same as may be thought proper, and report to the Board.

A Resolution on the subject of the grant of Six hundred dollars to the City Dispensary for the purpose of Vaccination, was presented by Mr. Akerly and laid for consideration.

An Invitation from the Society for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb to attend an Address to be delivered by Dr. Mitchill one of the Vice Presidents of the Society on Monday next at 4 o'clock in the Sessions' Room in the Hall was presented by Mr. Akerly and Accepted.

The Comptroller Reported: to wit

Balance in Treasury 16 ins	$2933.27
Deduct 25 per ct. on sales of Lot of ground on Whi[t]ehall St. to Jno. Hone for $1200 carried to Acct. Sinking Fund	300.00
	2633.27
[85] Warrant returned for Award to Thos. B. Clark 2d ins. for property to open Lombardy Street	600.00
Recd Commutation Alien Passengers	220.00
" Rents	4934.24
" Tax 1817—4th ward	2000.00
" Arrears of Tax	300.00
" 1st Avenue	500.00
" 10th Avenue	200.00

* Report not entered, although remainder of page was left blank for it.—ED.

Recd 70th Street	200.00	
" 125th Street	300.00	
" Canal Street	1500.00	
" Streets	1700.00	=15,087.51

17 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 district	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd, Watch 2 district	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3 district	413.00	
W. Fish, paid Inspectors and Clerks of Election May 1817	472.00	
N. Phillips, 6 mo. Subscription National Advocate, 1 Feb. 1818	75.00	
Magdalen Eagles, payt. Assesst. Canal St. ordered 16 inst.	30.00	
Pet. Parsells, regulatg Streets at Greenwich Village	400.00	
Joseph Willoughby, Acct. regulatg Hammond Street	200.00	
Hugh Smith, Calculation of balce pavg Cliff Street	147.67	
[86] B. Hill & R. Ayres, acct. filling basin Dey Street	500.00	
Thos. Barnum, Supdng Piers 30 days to 1 March	60.00	
M. A. Ramiee, bond to Robt. Latimer Assigned & Interest	2142.30	
J. McComb, St. Comr for Robert Latimer in full, Contrct 8 Avenue	2000.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supdt Repairs, Engine house at Greenwich.	380.00	
Jac. Smith Jr. Reprs to Engines Sept. 16. 1817 to March 1818	82.27	
Jac. P. Roome, Suptdt Reprs—for Repairs	650.00	
Rich. Furman, Superintdt of Alms House	5000.00	14,352.99
Balance		$734.52

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock

[87] In Common Council March 30. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith Esqr. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Upon reading the Minutes of last meeting and in reading the Report of the Street Committee on the petition of Benjamin U. Coles, the Chairman stated that the Committee were desirous of making a

trifling alteration in their Report which was acceptable to the Petitioner, but which would not essentially vary their report. He therefore moved that the Board reconsider the said Report—which being unanimously agreed to, he then moved that the Committee might be permitted to alter their Report—which being agreed to, the Report as amended was presented to the Board and agreed to, and the Minutes of last Meeting were directed to be amended agreeably thereto.

[88] A Communication was received from J. L. Skinner, stating that he had entered into a Contract with the Corporation to complete the Upper Divisions of the Third Avenue—that there were peculiar circumstances in his case—and he requested that a Committee might be appointed to make a settlement with him. Whereupon, it was referred to the Road Committee, with authority to make a settlement with Mr. Skinner on the subject of his said Contract.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, praying the Removal of a House standing in Lispenard Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Pawnbrokers, praying that the price of the Licenses may be reduced to Twenty dollars—and also praying that the proper Officer may be directed to enforce the Law respecting Pawnbrokers against persons who are acting as Pawnbrokers without Licenses, was read—Whereupon, the former part was referred to the Committee on Laws and the latter to the City Intendant.

[89] A Remonstrance against the proposed regulation of Vestry Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that Avenue "D" may be opened and regulated from its intersection with Columbia Street until it joins the East River, was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Shop, occupying Stall No. 37 Fly Market, and praying Stall No. 35 Catharine Market be granted to him, the present Occupant John Akly being willing to relinquish the same—A Petition from John McCready for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market—a Petition of Samuel Piercy for grant of the same Stall—and a Petition from Richard Ford for Stall No. 7 Fly Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Allaire complaining of an Assessment by the Assessors of Taxes beyond the Sum at which he ought to be assessed —was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[90] A Petition of Hugh Maxwell, for permission to construct a Vault in Hester Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the same on usual terms.

A Petition of the Keepers of Livery Stables, praying that the Stands for Hackney Carriages may be abolished—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with the addition of Aldermen Thorp Buckmaster & Mr Allen.

A Petition of Thomas Adams, praying permission to remove on Trucks a small Frame house from Park Place to Collect Street—was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner. A similar petition of Hugh Smith to remove a house from Harman Street to Lombardy Street was granted under similar directions.

A Petition was received from Samuel M^cCoun, stating that his Cellar had been overflowed with water from springs in the vicinity of his dwelling house [91] No. 14 Broadway—and praying permission to construct a Drain to communicate with the Drain in Beaver Street to carry off the water from his cellar—which was referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to permit the Petitioner at his own expence and under the direction of the Street Commissioner to construct a Drain for the purpose aforesaid.

A Petition of Sundry Boatmen and others who are in the habit of bringing building and other Stone to the New York Market for sale, praying that some regulation may be made defining what shall constitute a Load of Stone—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject; namely Aldermen Thorp Buckmaster Kip and The Attorney.

A Petition of Moses Jacques, stating that he is about erecting a house in Whitehall Street and praying to be permitted to place building Materials in the Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the First Ward, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

[92] A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants in Liberty Street, praying that the Drain or Sewer leading from Liberty Street to Maiden Lane may be opened and cleansed; and a Report of the Street Commissioner, stating that he had viewed the premises and recommending that the prayer of Petitioners be granted, being read, it was resolved that Petitioners have leave, at their own expence and under the direction of the Street Commissioner, to open and cleanse said Drain.

A Petition of William A. Hardenbrook, requesting to be permitted to remain in the house, lately owned by him and conveyed to the Cor-

poration, until the removal of said house shall become necessary for the opening of the Tenth Avenue, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

The following appointment of Fire-man was made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company, No. 2."

Josiah Woodruff, Shoe Mr—113 Division St. 7 ward vice Robert King, Departed.

[93] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the 36 following Nuisances: Namely

Wm Vail	Own.	Broome c. Mangin.	Lot.
Josh. Parker	do	Mangin St.	do
Wm L. Simers	do	do	do
Jonath. Hatfield,	do	Thompson St.	do
" do	do	do	do
" do	do	do	do
" do	do	do	do
J. Bingham M. Dulex	Own. Occ.	148 William St.	Privy
A. Van Steenbach J. Whittlesey	Own. Occ.	49 Cedar St	do
J. Beekman Mrs. Murray	Own. Occ.	29 Nassau St.	do
A. McDonald *Will. Gennis* [McGennis]	Own. Occ.	58 Chapel St	do
P. McGee A. Frazier	Own. or Less. Occ.	7 Water St	do
S. Whitney	Own. & Occ.	25 Pearl St	do
G. Bearmaker,	Les. & Occ	77 Murray St.	do
A. Arden J. J. Hutchenson	Own. Occ.	49 Mulberry St.	do
J. Gasner A. Gasner	Own. Occ.	94 Chatham St.	do
J. Ball D. O Brien	Own. Occ.	3 Moore St	do
Will. E. Matthews, do	Own. Occ.	5 do	do
E. Smith E. Bendict	Own. Occ.	14 Oak St	do
S. R. Kneeland,	Own. & Occ.	16 do	do

[94] R. Berrian	Own.	1 Roosevelt St		Privy
O. S. Balster	Occ.			
P. Conrey	Own.	11	do	do
J. Dyer	Occ.			
R. Jones	Own.	13	do	do
C. Egbert	Occ.			
Will Preston	Own.	15	do	do
do	Occ.			
S. Robins	Own.	33	do	do
J. Wheeler	Occ.			
J Cornell	Own.	35	do	do
J. B. Effets	Occ.			
—— Leight	Own.	39	do	do
A. B Brinkerhoff	Occ.			
J. Dodge	Own.	47	do	do
C. Fogerty	Occ.			
C. Bogert	Agt.	8 Frankfort St.		do
J. T. Lacey	Occ.			
C. Valleau	Own.	51 Roosevelt St		do
J. Shadden	Occ.			
S. R. Kneeland	Own.	57	do	do
S. Whitlock	Occ.			
B. Underhill	Own.	63	do	do
A. Wood	Occ.			
B. Underhill	Own.	65	do	do
Will. Hitchcock	Occ.			
G. Jackson	Own.	67	do	do
Lee Peck	Occ.			
J. Burk	Own. & Occ.	81	do	do
D. Van Orden	do do	83	do	do
	(sign'd)	George Cuming		
		City Inspec		

which Ordinances were passed.

[95] A Deed was presented on behalf of the Corporation, by the Counsel, to David Cargill for 2 Lots between the 9th and 10th Avenues, and a Lease to George De Grasse for two of the Collect Lots—which were directed to be referred to the Comptroller.

The Select Committee, to whom had been referred the request for pecuniary aid for some Tuscarora Indians, reported in favor of granting them Fifty dollars—which was approved and a Warrant was directed to issue for the same.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Benjamin Romaine, Reported:

"That they have examined the premises It appears that formerly there was a Vault under this part of the Street, and that Mr. Romaine and his Workmen were deceived in the strength of the old Work—as they built the Abutment wall of the new walled Vault on a part of the old arch—which gave way and caused the destruction of his vault.

"Mr. Romaine has not yet paid for the privilege of erecting his vault, amounting to Forty four dollars ten cents—and if the Common [96] Council should be of opinion that some relief should be given in consequence of this misfortune, they would recommend that the payment of the said $44.10 be remitted."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb } St. Commr }

which was read, and, on the question of agreeing thereto, it passed in the Negative: and it was referred to the Street Commissioner to examine the situation of that part of Duane Street.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Elbert Anderson to build a Cistern in Chamber Street, Reported:—

"That they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted on the usual terms, provided it is constructed of Brick or Stone and secured as the Street Commissioner may direct."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb } St. Commr }

which Report was approved.

[97] The Committee of Assessments, on the Petition of Gabriel L. Lewis, relative to an erroneous Assessment, Reported:—

They are convinced "that the Assessors have overrated Mr. Lewis to at least double the Amount of his personal property," and should under all the circumstances have been disposed to have reported in his favour, were it not that the Assessment of the personal Estate of the late Frederic Lewis has been as much underrated as his son Mr. Gabriel Lewis has been overrated, and considering that Mr. Gabriel Lewis is one of the heirs and administrator of his father and can probably make an equitable division of the Taxes and by correcting the mistake do himself that equity which he has asked of this Board.

"Your Committee therefore recommend, that Mr. Lewis have leave to withdraw his petition."

All whi*s*[ch] is respectfully submitted

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" John Remmey
Committee on Assessments.

which Report was approved.

[98] The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Josephine Dubourg for pecuniary aid to transport herself and child to Martinique, Reported:—

"That, pursuant to the authority given them by the Board, they have paid to William S. Root the sum of Thirty dollars for the use of the said Madame Dubourg, under a positive stipulation however that she, together with her child, leave the United States for Martinique on or before the 28th day of March instant: otherwise, that the said money be refunded to the Committee by said Root.

"From the best information your Committee have been enabled to obtain, in relation to the circumstances of the petitioner, they are led to believe that herself & child in a short time would have become chargeable on the public for their support—it was under this impression, therefore, and to avoid the expence of maintaining them for life, that they made the donation alluded to. They now respectfully request that a warrant may be allowed in favor of their Chairman for Thirty Dollars."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Jno. B. Coles

which was approved, and a Warrant directed to issue therefor.

[99] The Committee on Public Offices, on the Petition of Walter Covert for refunding of penalty paid, Reported:

"That the petitioner states he obtained of the Mayor in May 1817 a License to retail liquor by the small measure—but that about Six months after he discovered the said License was lost: that he has been fined in the Two several Sums of twenty two dollars fifty cents and 49 dollars 52 cents, which was recovered on account of his not being able to prove that he had a License: and that he now has discovered the testimony to prove the fact, to which he begs to refer.

"The testimony referred to consists of the deposition of John Ryan and Eliza his wife, together with that of John Wright and

Lucy Civill. On a careful examination of this testimony, the Committee are of opinion, that no reliance ought to be placed on it, inasmuch as Ryan and his wife contradict each other in a material point—and it is by no means probable that Eliza Ryan and Lucy Civill, neither of whom were able to write their own name, should be able to testify with any degree of accuracy to the dates of the License or [100] the signature of his Honour the Mayor.

"Beside which, the Record kept of the Licenses granted by his Honor the Mayor has been examined by the Committee, and they are satisfied, from the apparent accuracy with which the Entries are made, had any license been granted Walter Covert for the year 1817, it would have appeared by said Record.

"The Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred for examination the Contract of Daniel M. and Edward Hitchcock on the subject of Public Slips, and of George Lovett respecting a Bulkhead at Spring Street Basin; Reported the former without amendment, which was directed to be executed—and the latter with an Amendment respecting the size of the Spikes to be used, which was directed to be engrossed by the Counsel as amended.

The Same Committee, on the Peti- [101] tion of Uzal W. Freeman, Reported:

"That they have examined the same, and that they see no reason for deviating from the Report already submitted by them to the Board on this subject

"and they therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Steph. Allen
" Reub. Munson
" Sam. Akerly

which Report was agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom had formerly been ref[e]rred a Petition of Adam Thompson and who had reported against the prayer of the Petitioner, presented the following Report:

"That they have reexamined the same, and are now satisfied of the justice of his claim: they therefore recommend that a warrant be presented at the next meeting of the Board for $9.42 cents in favor of the petitioner: and that the Collector of the Canal Assessment be directed to demand this sum from George Parker the person chargeable therewith."

(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
"	Stephen Allen
"	Reuben Munson
"	Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Comptroller [102] was directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of James Amory, relative to the exchange of Common Lands, Reported:

"That, in their opinion, it would be inexpedient to accede to the propositions contained in the said petition."

(sign'd)	Th. R. Smith
"	Stephen Allen
"	Reuben Munson
"	Sam. Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of D. M. Hitchcock for extension of the time of payment on the Contract for the Docks and Siips, reported:

"That since presenting the said petition, he has intimated his wish of withdrawing the same: it therefore becomes unnecessary to make any report on the merits thereof."

(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
"	Stephen Allen
"	Reuben Munson
"	Samuel Akerly

which Report was agreed to.

The Committee on Assessments, on the Resolution respecting the Ruling of the Assessors' Books, Reported:

"That they have had [103] the same under consideration, and herewith present to the Board a plan for ruling the book of the Assessors—which, in the opinion of your Committee, will greatly facilitate the collection of the taxes and at the same time prevent improper and erroneous Assessments.

"The Committee recommend therefore, that the Comptroller be directed to prepare a set of books for each ward for the ensuing year, agreeably to the plan now presented."

(sign'd) Steph. Allen
" Sam. Stevens
" Jno. Remmey

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom it had been referred to settle the exchange of certain property with Robert Lenox, reported:

"That they have been at considerable pains to examine the situation and ascertain the value of the two several parcels of land in question.

"The piece of land to be conveyed by Mr. Lenox consists of 4 Lots, 2 held by him in fee and 2 on lease, at Ten dollars per annum each, one for 5 the other for 7 years from 1st May next, lying together, fronting on the 6th and extending toward the [104] 7th Avenue, containing 20¾ Acres:—these lots are Nos. 169, 168, 167 & 166 in the Corporation Map of Public lands.

"The property is under considerable improvements, is principally a smooth but elevated piece of ground, with about 200 fruit trees of various descriptions, and on the 6th Avenue is enclosed with a good substantial fence. On the North and East Boundary however it is either open, or the fence is of little or no value. 100 dollars per annum are offered for the 4 lots during the continuance of the present lease.

"Mr. Lenox is to receive from the Corporation a Deed for 3 lots Nos. 125, 128, 131 on the aforesaid Map containing 16½ Acres, which are now under lease to him for 5 years from 1st May next at 10 dollars per annum each—This property extends from the 5th to the 6th Avenue and is about half a mile nearer the City than the preceding—but it is not so well improved nor is it naturally so valuable a piece of land: the fences are poor and a part of the ground rough and uneven.

"After weighing the subject well, and exercising their best judgment, the Committee have agreed [105] that the exchange be effected on receiving from Mr. Lenox the sum of Five hundred dollars—which proposition has been acceded to by him, and the necessary measures are taken to complete the Arrangement.

"The Committee beg leave to recommend that the Comptroller be instructed to lease out for the term of 5 years from 1st of May

next, either by public auction or private contract the property thus reverting to the Corporation."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

Mr. Van Amringe then moved that *that* the rule of the Common Council directing all public property to be sold or leased at auction be on this occasion dispensed with in order to enable the Comptroller to lease the property mentioned in the above report by private contract agreeably to the recommendation contained in said Report. The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative. Aldermen Underhill—Thorp—Munson—[106] Messieurs Van Amringe—Remmey—Akerly—Taylor—Allen—8

Negative. Mr. Recorder—Aldermen Coles—Holmes—M^cQueen—Buckmaster—Mr. Stevens—6

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee appointed to obtain the opinion of Counsel respecting the power of the Corporation under existing laws for taking the Waters at the foot of Oliver and Roosevelt Streets for public slips or basins reported the accompanying opinion of Richard Harrison Esquire on that subject embracing the various points requiring elucidation.

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett
" Thomas R. Smith
" Eldad Holmes.

The Letter (containing the opinion) of Richard Harrison, addressed to Alderman Brackett, was as follows:

New York, 24 March 1818

J. Warren Brackett Esqr.

" In consequence of your letter of the 13th inst. I have considered " the question therein stated, and am of opinion

" 1—That the Corporation may legally take and occupy land co- " [107] vered with water for the purposes mentioned in your letter, " where water grants have not been given or applied for, or Interfer- " ing improvements made under the 221st Section of the general Act.

" 2. With respect to the Second question that they may take and " occupy any land with its improvements for the said purposes where

" they have never given any grants for the same, unless the possessors " have become entitled to the property under the said Section, or have " been so long in possession as to have created a Right to it. In " either of the latter cases, I am of opinion that the Occupants should " be considered as owners or parties interested in the ground, and " treated with accordingly.

" 3. I am of opinion upon the Third question that the rights of " the Corporation stand upon the same footing as those of individuals " in similar cases. If there was an agreement for a grant it might " be enforced in equity, and draw with it the arrears of Rent, pro- " vided it was in writing or under circumstances which would justify " a Decree for specific performance. If there was no such agreement, " the Party who took possession without legal authority, was a wrong- " doer, and may be proceeded against as such.

[108] " 4. I am of opinion that the Corporation can, under the " Laws of the State relating to Slips, obtain the waters, Right of " Wharfage and interest in the Bulkheads and Piers which are men- " tioned in your letter, as far as they are necessary for the Slips now " contemplated, by virtue of the 219th and 228th Sections of the general " Act. The Proviso at the end of the last mentioned section seems to " present the only plausible objection to this doctrine: but as this ' proviso, if literally taken, would in every instance defeat the powers " granted to the Corporation, where they might interfere with any " private property; and would thus be repugnant to the other parts of " the Law, any construction should be resorted to which might pre- " vent an inconvenience so great and so manifest. I am therefore " of opinion, that the Proviso was meant only to restrain the depriving " of individuals of their property, rights and privileges, without making " them a reasonable compensation: and that such is the just exposition " of the Statute, when the different parts are compared with each " other.

" It may indeed be said that the Corporation is only entitled to take " ground for Slips—by the 219th Section of the Act, and that Wharf- " age [109] and Slippage do not fall under the description. The " objection however does not appear to be solid. Those payments " are taken by reason of the ground and of the improvements upon " it; and when the Right to the Soil is taken away, they go with it as " mere appendages.

" I ought perhaps to apologize for not sending you my opinion " sooner upon these points; but I have been so much indisposed since

" I saw you and till the present time, that I had neither strength nor " spirits for the attention requisite to their consideration."

With great respect &c.

(sign'd) Richard Harrison.

It was then moved that the consideration of the subject be postponed until the next meeting of the Board—which was lost. Mr. Van Amringe then presented the following:

" Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to proceed forthwith in the legal measures necessary to be taken to put this Board in possession of the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip and the waters between the foot of Oliver Street and Catharine Slip both on the East River. The question being, at the request of Mr. Stevens, divided [110] as to the two Basins contemplated, the divisions were severally agreed to, and the Counsel was directed to take order accordingly.

The following Communication was received from Richard Varick Esquire, relative to the Resolution of the 23^{d} inst.

" The Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York "

" Gentlemen—

" On the 24th instant I received from the Clerk of the Common " Council a certified Copy of a Resolution of the Board, of the 23^{d}, " touching the bounds of the Street now called Bleecker Street, which " has occasioned a controversy between us, that has been apparently as " eagerly sought for by your agents, as it was unwillingly entered into " on my part, and which I do not at this moment feel myself at " liberty and ready to abandon.

" I have also received a Duplicate of the Resolution, under cover " of a letter of this date, from John M^{c}Comb, wherein he names his " Two Surveyors, to wit Stephen Ludlum and Edward Doughty, who " cannot be deemed impartial characters, as they have prejudged the " Cause in their Certificate to the Alderman and Assistant [111] of the " Eighth Ward and Doctor Graves, upon whose Report you have " acted.

" In this state of things, it is proper and respectful in me, promptly " to inform you, that with the mature advice of Counsel I cannot now " accede to the proposition contained in your Resolution.

" I avail myself of this opportunity, again to admonish the Com- " mon Council, as I have done their Street Commissioner and other " known agents, to desist from the trespasses begun and pursued to " some extent in digging away my ground and destroying my fences

"and buildings, and which have not been wholly discontinued, even "since the 9th instant."

I am with due respect,
Gentlemen,

New York
28 March, 1818.

Your obedt. Servt.
(sign'd) Richd Varick.

It was then moved that the Memorial of Richard Varick which was presented on the 9th instant, but the reading of which on account of its great length was dispensed with be now read—which was agreed to, and the said Memorial was read. A Representation was presented from Mr. Bleecker the Comptroller exculpatory of some charges made against him in said Memorial—which Representation was read. After some prefatory observations by Mr. [112] Akerly, he presented certain Resolutions hereafter inserted. On the question of agreeing to the same being taken, it was carried in the Affirmative. It was then resolved that the said Memorial of Richard Varick, the Representation of the Comptroller and the Resolutions be entered at length on the Minutes: and the Street Commissioner was directed to proceed under the direction of the Counsel.

(Here follow the aforesaid Memorial, Representation and Resolutions.)

"Memorial of Richard Varick Esqr."

"To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York."

Gentlemen—

"It falls to my unfortunate lot again to address you (altho' I have hardly bodily strength or animal spirits sufficient, since my late severe illness, which commenced on the day on which I last wrote to you, to make this Epistle as full and pointed as my case requires) on the subject of the injury to my Real Estate lying between Thompson and Sullivan Streets and bounded on the late Samuel David's Street: yet my duty requires that I should not be silent.

"Let me then observe to you, [113] that on the Nineteenth day of January last I addressed to you a respectful Memorial, stating to you that I was the Proprietor of that Square of ground; that I had purchased it from Robert Benson Esquire about sixteen years ago: that Mr. Benson derived title thereto from the late John W. Watkins Esquire; and that about twenty five or twenty six years ago, the said John W. Watkins built a dwelling house on the premises near Sullivan Street, and a Stable and Carriage house on the North west cor-

ner of the square, on Samuel David's Street, and also a Green house on the North bounds thereof and on the line of Samuel David's Street.

"I likewise stated to you, that the late Anthony Bleecker owned all the lands East of my Square and on both sides of Samuel David's Street, which was then opened Eastward no further than Wooster or Third Street; and that Mr. Bleecker also owned the Square north of my ground: and if I recollect right, I also made known to you that to my own knowledge, and that of others yet living, the said Anthony Bleecker had encroached on the North Side of Samuel David's Street more than ten feet, as far as his lands were bounded thereon: and I also stated to you that upon Actual measurement from [114] my North Bounds, or the South bounds of Samuel David's Street, to the North bounds of Nicholas Bayard's Lands, as laid down on the Map thereof, there was an abundant Surplus of ground for Samuel David's Street (of fifty feet in breadth and more) and for all the Lots north thereof, as appeared from a Copy of one of the Maps of that land, which I had purchased, to ascertain my rights, from one of the late Surveyors of the City: No Map thereof being to be found in the Street Commissioner's Office, which ought to have been; but, as has since been discovered one was concealed among the papers of the late Mr. Goerck, in the City Comptroller's office, who is the son of the late W. A. Bleecker.

"In that Memorial I also represented to the Common Council, that the Contractor for digging out Samuel David's Street, (the name of which has been lately changed to Bleecker Street,) had so far advanced in digging out that Street as soon to endanger my Buildings and Fences, which being of Stone foundations and paved within and without, could not, together with the Fences, with safety to my garden be removed at that season of the year; and I therefore solicited the Common Council to give such orders [115] to the person or persons employed by them, in digging out and regulating that street, in the exercise of their rights, so to conduct themselves that my individual property might not be injured or impaired.

"This my Memorial was presented to the Common Council, and, as I was afterwards by accident informed, that it had been read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, together with the Street Commissioner, to take order, so far only as to prevent my property being injured; but without any instructions to examine into the truth of my allegations, with respect to the encroachment of Anthony Bleecker on Samuel David's Street, as for measurement, to

ascertain whether there was or was not Surplus ground for that street, now called Bleecker Street, and the Lots north of it. And such the event has proved for that Committee have not reported on it, nor returned the papers to the Clerk's Office, where I have in vain applied for official papers thereof.

"I was afterwards advised that some days after the 19th of January, when the digging had very nearly approached my ground, Mr. McComb had imparted such order of the Board to the Contractor: but I have since been informed, that his conduct and language [116] on that occasion were as least equivocal.

"As soon as I was informed of the Reference, I sought for Mr. McComb at the Street Commissioner's Office, but he was not then to be found there: Afterwards however I met him in the front of the Hall, and I mentioned to him the references, and that I wished to attend the Committee to measure the ground: and I beg leave now to state to you. Gentlemen, that on that occasion Mr. McComb very significantly and in a voice of tone and manner which indicated Importance, answered me—"There was no necessity of measuring—It "had been before that sufficiently measured." This unsuitable answer to a citizen at least his equal in every point of view, and who complained of inaccurate measurement, together with his answer to me before I presented my Memorial to the Board; when stating to him that the ground was mine, he answered with an air—"That the "Corporation ought not to take my ground"—thereby insinuating at least that the ground within my inclosure was not mine—And on another occasion, when I observed to him that the pavements and fences could not be taken up in winter, he answered very tauntingly "That there was some- [117] times open weather in which the fences and pavements could be removed," induced me to believe that there was no justice to be obtained from such a man, and that moreover there was some secret in the business which had never been disclosed to me.

"Permit me, Gentlemen, further to state, that a few days thereafter I was advised that if Mr. McComb had really given any order to the Contractor, interdicting him from proceeding, it was not complied with, and that my ground at the North East Corner thereof was actually dug down, and at the Corner of my fence excavated and undermined.

"To be satisfied of the truth of this information, I walked out to my place, in extreme cold weather, on the 31st January, and found the information I had received to be correct.

" Having thus in person viewed the Trespass, I did, on the second day of February last, address a long letter to the " Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants or Common Councilmen in Common Council," complaining of the encroachment and Trespass: and I moreover stated to you, that I myself, together with the persons under whom I claimed. had been in the quiet possession of that Square for twenty five years, [118] which gave me title against all the world: and I again repeated to you, that there was an abundant Surplus of ground, north of my ground, to satisfy the claim of the public and Individuals, and that there were no improvements on the North side of Bleecker Street to prevent the scite of that street being corrected, and many other matters not necessary to be here repeated.

" This letter was of necessity sent by me to the City Hall by a Servant; for at that moment I was taken ill of a severe pleurisy, and have been confined to my Bed and sick chamber for near a month: and during that time remained unadvised of what had taken place.

" On my recovery I was informed by a friend that my letter had been referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner, and that there had been a Report made thereon, in consequence of which the Contractor, whose name I have been since informed is John Sloan, had been authorized by the Common Council to proceed in his course of digging down my ground and destroying my Buildings and Fences as a part of Bleecker Street, in which Mr. Sloan has manfully acted the part assigned him.

[119] " I have lately, thro' a friend, obtained from the Clerk's Office of the Common Council an official copy of the Report of that Committee: But it does not appear whether that Committee had or had not any instructions as to the line of conduct to be pursued by them, as ought to have appeared, unless it may be inferred from the certificate of the Surveyors thereto annexed, both of which I beg leave to repeat and record in this place, to preserve a Record thereof as an honorable and important public document for my use, lest they should be purloined or withdrawn, as other papers have heretofore been, from among the Common Council Records and not returned there again.

" The Report of the Committee to the Common Council is in these words to wit:

" The Alderman and Assistant of the Eigth Ward and Street " Commissioner, to whom was referred the Memorial of Richard " Varick Esqr. respecting a supposed encroachment on his premises, by " the digging out and regulating Bleecker Street, Report: That they

"have caused a Survey to be made by two of the City Surveyors, "(a certificate of which accompanies this Report,) by which it will "appear that Mr. Varick has no cause of complaint of an encroach- "ment, [120] as his Stable stands within two inches of the true line, "and his Fence stands ten feet on Bleecker Street, giving all the "ground, according to the Map of the Block he purchased—Your Com- "mittee are therefore of the opinion, that the Contractor for regu- "lating Bleecker Street ought to be permitted to proceed, as he is "suffering considerable damage by delay."

23 Feby. 1818. (sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jac. B. Taylor.
" R. Graves
St. Com pro tem.

"Copy of the Certificate of the Surveyors, annexed to the Report."

"We have, as directed, measured the Block of Ground owned by "R. Varick Esqr. between Houston and Bleecker Streets, on the "Northwest side of Thompson Street and find that the Northeast "end of Mr. Varick's Stable is 407 feet 10 inches from the north East "side of Houston Street, being two inches back from the line of "Bleecker Street. The fence of Mr. Varick's enclosure stands ten "feet six inches on Bleecker Street, allowing said Bleecker Street to "be fifty feet wide at that point."

18 Feby. 1818.

(sign'd) Steph. Ludlum
" Edw^d Doughty
City Surveyors.

I beg leave further to state to you, [121] Gentlemen, that I am informed from official authority, that the Report of the Committee above transcribed was accepted and approved by the Common Council, without a dissenting voice, altho' there were then present several high-minded and otherwise very correct men of both political parties; and the Contractor was directed to proceed in his illegal and high handed work of destruction.

"I now assure you, Gentlemen, that I possibly may have laboured under a mistake, until my reading this Report and the accompanying information that the Common Council had approved the same imparted to me the first intimation thereof, that the Common Council of the City of New York, their Committee, their Street Commissioners, or Surveyors, or any of them had the power thus promptly and summarily, and that without a hearing, to decide upon the titles of lands

which the Statute Law of the State, commonly called the Statute of limitations, guarantees to the possessor and declares good and indefeasible title to the owner of such lands.

"I have been hitherto unwilling to ascribe to the members composing the Common Council improper or unworthy motives for their conduct [122] toward me, but as a man who for near half a century, both in and out of public service, and that without reproach, have earned my property, I am unwilling to part with this part of it, which in the first purchase thereof, as well as in subsequent improvements, has cost me very large sums of money, without the best evidences of right to it being exhibited, and that in a legal cause by my adversaries, whose claim, in this instance, appears to me to be novel, and as extraordinary in the means to enforce it.

"I have sometimes been led to suppose that upon the solicitations of Mr. Bleecker, and the probable want of correct information from the then Street Commissioner and some of the City Surveyors, of the quantity of ground north of Samuel David's Street, and perhaps the sinister conduct of some one or more designing individuals in a past Common Council, that [the] Board have incautiously permitted Mr. Bleecker to encroach on the North side of Samuel David's Street opposite to his land, when the name of that street was changed to Bleecker Street, and the same carried thro' Eastward from Third or Wooster Street to the Broad way:

[123] "And at other times, that the Corporation, in the ideal plenitude of their power, had boldly tho' covertly agreed with Mr. Bleecker to convey to him or to permit him in silence to occupy ground along the North side of Samuel David's Street and thus encrease the value of his estate there, on condition that he would, for the aggrandisement of his own estate, lay out the street now called Bleecker Street from Wooster Street to the Broad way, and give in the Surplus ground which he owned South of the South line of Samuel David's Street to be continued to the Broadway; and had then determined to claim from myself and Mr. Nicholas Law and from me particularly in a manner not the most delicate and unexceptionable, or even legal manner, the ground which was supposed to be Surplus ground within my enclosure. The after piece favors the latter supposition.

"Be all this as it may, Gentlemen, I have purchased my estate and originally not enclosed it myself. There was a surplus of ground of Bayard's, and I am bound to defend that part within my Fence against all legal claims, to entitle me to recover *over* on the Covenants in my

Deed, especially as the buildings which you have directed to be destroyed were on the ground [124] when I purchased. And, Gentlemen, I repeat to you that the Laws of the State secure and fortify my possession, as the best estate in the world, even against the claim you set up to my property: and I again thus publicly assert and shall in due time abundantly prove my assertion, that there is surplus of ground North of my enclosure to satisfy all demands—and further, that any man who does say, (understanding the subject) that my enclosure comprehends any part of Samuel David's Street, (and meaning no quibble about the name Bleecker Street) is a liar and the truth is not in him; and I stake my reputation to prove my assertion from your own public documents which some of you are perhaps uninformed of: and the Actors in this scene, who proceed understandingly in this business, incur the denunciations pronounced in the sacred volume, to wit—"Cursed is he who removeth his neighbour's landmark"—and may this curse attend them.

"Matters having been thus brought to a crisis between us, and I being determined at all events never to submit to such harsh treatment as I have received and am threatened with from the Guardians of this city, without a serious struggle for my rights, I now [125] inform you, gentlemen, that from a regard to my dear-bought and improved interests, and my own reputation, and knowing, as I believe, the powers of the Common Council on the subject, I have been put to the painful alternative of submitting, or at very considerable expence retaining able Counsel; which I have done, with a view of examining in an open and public manner into the conduct of those whom I consider my oppressors; and to this end I have directed Suits to be instituted in the Supreme Court against your Street Commissioner, who avows himself to be your agent and to be by you authorized to commit the trespasses, and against others, and from time to time, for the trespasses committed & to be committed on my possessions—and also a Suit in chancery to try your high-handed proceedings, and to be relieved against illegal Assessments founded upon the usurpation of powers not committed to you. And I trust that with the aid of gentlemen of high Standing in the Community, and who have been from their infancy regularly bred and have practised as surveyors, and who can give constructions to Maps, and not by those better calculated for building pig-pens and selling drams at the [126] counter than for Surveyors, and upon some such you are unfortunately obliged to depend for information, I shall be able to shew that there are lands sufficient, north of the South Bounds of Samuel David's Street or my

enclosure, to satisfy the claims of the Corporation, as well as the measurement of the number of Lots laid out in the Map of Nicholas Bayard's ground, and that the assertion "that I have any public ground in my possession under the present control of the Corporation" is utterly base and false. And I shall be able to exhibit, in very vivid colors, to a Court of Justice and Juries of my Fellow-citizents, instances of tyranny and highhanded oppression rarely to be met with in a well ordered community, and in no instances in this city to be surpassed, except one case, in which the Corporation of this city, not many years ago, attempted to wrest from me, under color of law, a very great part of an estate, at the foot of now Fulton Street, then worth more than fifty thousand dollars, owned by me under a grant from their predecessors to my Ancestor, dated in the year 1743, and respecting which all the deeds had been recorded for nearly twenty years, and which [127] they found to their Interest to purchase from me."

I am very respectfully

New York Gentlemen

9 March, 1818. Your obedt. servt.

(sign'd) Rich[d] Varick.

"Representation of the Comptroller."

"It was not until the 27[th] inst. that the Comptroller had a knowledge of the Contents of a letter which had been presented to the Common Council by Mr. Richard Varick on the 9[th]—and was then referred to a Committee without being read at the Board. Having been favored with a perusal of this extraordinary document, which alike impeaches the reputation of the Members of the Corporation, as well as that of several of its officers—it becomes a duty to repel an insidious charge, calculated to lessen that confidence which has hitherto been placed in the integrity of the undersigned.

"In the second page of the letter before mentioned, the writer says—"No Map thereof (Nicholas Bayard's land) being to be found in the Street Commissioner's Office, where it ought to have been, but, as has since been discovered, one was concealed among the papers of the late Mr. Goerck, in the City [128] Comptroller's Office, who is the son of the late Mr. A. Bleecker."

"To refute this unfounded charge, it is positively denied that the above mentioned Map, or any other whatever has at any time been concealed in the Comptroller's Office, or elsewhere, to his knowledge.

A number of old Maps were deposited, promiscuously, on the upper shelves in the northerly closet of said Office, about six years ago, at the time of removing from the Old Hall; several of which have been taken out from time to time by the Street Commissioner and his Assistant, when wanted for public purposes; and the City Surveyors have always had free access to these Maps as well as other papers in the Office, whenever they wished to obtain information. The idea conveyed of the concealment of a certain Map to answer interested purposes, the Comptroller pledges his veracity, is totally destitute of the shadow of truth, and should a single member of the Common Council have the least doubt on his mind as to the correctness of this assertion, the investigation of a Committee will remove every scruple and prove highly grateful to the wishes of the subscriber.

" It is quite inexplicable [129] what could have induced the writer of the " Epistle " to make insinuations of the nature above alluded to; as the undersigned was entirely ignorant of the matter in dispute respecting the ground, until he heard the papers read at the meeting of the Common Council.

" Not at all participating in the interests involved in the question, he has never had his mind biassed as to its result.

" In the 10th page a supposition is made of a clandestine agreement or secret understanding between the Corporation and the deceased Father of the undersigned, in laying out streets in a sinister manner for the aggrandisement of his own Estate.

" A surmise so cruel and unjust awakens feelings of indignation, which a respect for the dignity of the Common Council alone can repress. They are fully competent to assert and maintain the purity of their conduct, when assailed by unwarrantable aspersions even when made by those who are conspicuous for legal talent or exorbitant possessions.

" Conscious of maintaining the confidence of the Members of the Board in that Office which they have been pleased to entrust to his [130] charge, the subscriber cannot without a breach of charity but impute the visionary ideas conveyed in a lengthly communication, either to the violent paroxysms of a naturally impetuous disposition, to the imbecility unhappily occasioned by recent disease, or the phantasm of a disordered imagination."

Respectfully submitted

March 28 (sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

" Resolutions on the above Memorial of Richard Varick.

1 " Resolved, that the Communication just read, and signed by Richard Varick contains a gross attack on the integrity of the Corporation, indecent in manner, and insulting in the diction thereof, unworthy the character of a gentleman in the intercourse with his fellow citizens, and particularly obnoxious as an address to a public body, to whom the said communication professes to offer correct information and a statement of facts.

2 " Resolved, that the aforesaid communication also contains an unjustifiable imputation upon the fair character of several officers of this Board, and as such is inadmissible to that [131] respectful consideration which every memorial from a worthy citizen couched in decent and proper language is at all times entitled.

3 "Resolved, that the aforesaid communication of Richard Varick, dated 9th March 1818, of 13 folio pages, containing both an unjustifiable attack upon the Corporation as a body, and upon the individual members composing the same, as also upon the officers of this Board as well as Surveyors and others employed by them, cannot and ought not to be received or any further noticed.

4 " Therefore resolved that the Committee, to whom the said Communication was referred, be discharged from the further consideration thereof."

Of which Resolutions, the 1st and 4th were agreed to unanimously: the 2d and 3d each with one dissenting voice.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury on the 23d inst.....	$734.52	
Received for Tax 1817 2d and 10th wards.....	4000.00	
" for Streets	2050.00	
" " Wells & Pumps.....	104.58	6889.10

[132] Accounts Audited.

W. J. Waldron, Asst City Inspect. 1 month to 1 April.....	52.00
Obad. Ayres, Asst City Inspect. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	52.00
Ben. Hicks, Asst City Inspect. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	64.00
Geo. Mills, Asst. City Inspect. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	62.00
Sam. Hutchings, Street Inspec. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	52.00
Jonath. Weeden, Street Insp. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	52.00
Astin & Cochran, Messengers, 1 mo. to 1 April.....	60.00
Gould, Banks & Gould—Law books for Clerk's office.....	98.75
Geo. Snethen, Supdg & lighting Lamps, 1 mo. to 1 April....	723.43

Jas. Meghan, pav. Greenwich St. from Hamersley to Christopher	500.00	
Pet. Debaun, reg. Greenwich St. from Hamersley to Christopher	500.00	
Thos. Barnum, Supdg Piers, 24 days to 29 inst	48.00	
Eldad Holmes Esqr. donation to Tuscarora Indians	50.00	
Steph. Allen Esqr. Chairn Com. Charity to Josephine Dubourg	30.00	2344.18
	Balance	$=4544.92

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock

[133] In Common Council April 6. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith Esqr. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Jones, Junior
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip
Robt. McQueen	W. F. Van Amringe
Geo. Buckmaster	John Remmey
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, for a Well and Pump at the Intersection of Bleecker and Wooster Streets, and a Petition for a well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Brome and Delancy Streets—were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report ordinances therefor.

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants, residing in Mott Street, praying that a Cistern may be sunk in said Street opposite Zion Church as a Reservoir [134] for water in cases of fire, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Jordan Mott, to be permitted to construct a Vault and a Cistern in the Street opposite his house, at the corner of Pearl and Fulton Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Peter Woolly for permission to remove a Frame House from the corner of Jay and Staple Streets to Orange Street, was read referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 6th

Wards and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Petition of Adrian K. Van Bokkelen, for the use of the mud machine for a few days, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson, for permission to construct a Vault in front of his lot No. 28 Provost Street, and a similar petition from Garrit Storm, John Suydam and Rembrandt F. Muller for vaults opposite their respective Lots [135] in Franklin Street—were read and granted on the usual terms.

A Petition of Samuel Jones, by his son D. S. Jones, stating that he is owner of more than half of the Lots fronting on Bond Street, and praying that the same may be regulated, the side walks raised and the Carriage way arched in the same manner as has been done in Great Jones' Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Ebenezer Stevens, Peter Schermerhorn & Sons, and John & Austin L. Sands for a Water grant opposite their property at Brooklyn—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller to report.

A Petition of the Sextons in the different churches in the City, praying for some compensation for making their weekly Reports of Interment and for ringing the bells at times of fire—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Halsey, praying that the sum of Six hundred dollars awarded to John Tierney for a Lot in [136] Bancker Street may be paid to him as he has a Mortgage on said lot—was read and referred to the Counsel, Street Commissioner and Comptroller to report.

A Petition of Holly Waterbury, for appointment as Keeper of the Park on the Battery—was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Bethuel Howard for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market —of Henry Pessinger for the same stall—of Samuel Piercy for permission to sell meat in Division Street—and of John Simonson and of Cornelius Vandenburgh for a Stall in Centre Market—were read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from Benjamin A. Akerly and others, stating that they hold by grants from the Corporation Lots on both sides of Water Street between Pike Slip and Rutger's Slip: that by their grants they were bound to make Water Street 45 feet, which they

have done: that they have lately received an order from the Street Commissioner to widen Water Street to 50 feet: that they approve of the improvement of widening said Street, but consider themselves en- [137] titled, in consequence of the great expence they have been at in making said Street to a Compensation for the extra ground which will be taken from them: and stating their willingness to an arrangement on the subject—whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee and Street Committee to report.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 40 Nuisances:

Will. Edgar to William Edgar,	Agt. Own.	Cannon St.		Lot.
Nich. Low	Own.	Prince St.		do
W. J. Proctor	Own.	Thompson c. Vestry		do
Chs. Stewart	Own. & Occ	29	Murray St.	Privy.
B. Andriese E. Lewis	Own. Occ.	320	Pearl St	do
B. Flora	Own. & Occ.	340	do	do
B. Flora W. M. Thurman	Own. Occ.	342	do	do
Mrs. Clinton G. W. Skellon	Own. Occ.	358	do	do
Sam. Falconer do	Own. Occ.	364	do	do
Dan. Dodge	Own. & Occ	374	do	do
Jas. Sacket	do do	378	do	do
Jas. Drake E. Underhill	Own. Occ.	396	do	do
Jas. Legget Will Underhill	Own. Occ.	400	do	do
[138] J. Cromeline. Cock and Frost	Own Occ.	416	do	do
G. H. Cheesman	Own. & Occ.	448.	do	do.
T. Griswold T. Chatterton	Own. Occ.	452	do	do.
Leond Rogers,	Own. & Occ.	458.	do	do.
Dan. Hall	do do	462.	do	do.
N. Prince Dr. W. Miner	Own. Occ.	4	Roosevelt st.	do.

C. Postly	Own. & Occ.	14	Roosevelt st.	Privy.
W. M. Simers R. Ammerman	Own. Occ.	20.	do	do.
P. Wynkoop J. Naar	Own. Occ.	22.	do	do.
Mr. Smith D. Sherry	Own. Occ.	24	do	do.
W. Mitchell W. D. Moltby	Own. Occ.	28	do	do
P. Lorillard Will. Briggs	Own. Occ.	30	do	do.
E. Ferris T. Ricard	Own. Occ.	38.	do	do.
Jno. *Vansyth* [Vansice],	Own. & Occ.	44	do	do.
Jas. Grant C. Horton	Own. Occ.	54	do	do
Jas. Grant Jas. Seaman	Own. Occ.	56	do	do.
Jas. Grant	Own. & Occ.	58	do	do
Will. Freeman John Brown	Own. Occ.	60	do	do.
Will Tice do	Own. Occ.	64	do	do.
Nich. Cook,	Les. & Occ.	74	do	do.
[139] Widow Beekman M. Dougherty	Own. Occ.	76	do	do
Isaac Burr J. Dougherty	Own. Occ.	78	do	do
J. Culbert J. Jasper	Own. Occ.	88	do	do
J. Langdon,	Les. & Occ.	90	do	do
H. F. Jones A. Mickens	Own. Occ.	50	Warren St.	do
John Agnew D. Berrian	Own. Occ.	1	Hague St.	do
Jos. Taylor J. B. Taylor Jas. De Witt	Own. Agt. Occ.	4	New St	do

(sign'd) George Cuming.
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Charlton Street from Greenwich Street to Washington Street—which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the petition of the Executors of John Post deceased, praying for a Water grant, reported—" That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend that a Grant be given from Water Street to the South Side of Front [140] Street on the usual terms, agreeable to the Map Accompanying."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes.
" G. N. Bleecker } Comptroller
" John M^cComb } St. Commiss

which Report was approved, and the Counsel directed to report a Grant agreeably thereto.

The Street Commissioner stated that he had been served with a Subpoena issuing out of the Court of Chancery of this state directed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, John M^cComb and John Sloan, dated the 2^d of April and returnable the 10^th of the same month, to appear and answer to a Bill of Complaint of Richard Varick in said Court exhibited against said parties: and also that he had been served with a writ of injunction issuing out of said Court, bearing date the 1^st inst. and directed as aforesaid enjoining the said parties to refrain from cutting upon, digging or carrying away the earth from the premises in said Bill described as the property of said Richard [141] Varick—which said Copies of the Subpœna and Writ of Injunction he submitted to the Common Council for their direction therein—Whereupon, the same having been read were directed to be referred to the Counsel with directions to take all legal steps to procure said injunction to be dissolved and such other legal measures as may be requisite in the premises—And it was ordered that in the mean time the Street Commissioner be directed to stay all further proceedings in relation to the opening of Bleecker Street as directed by the writ of Injunction aforesaid.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of William A. Hardenbrook, praying to remain in the house he now occupies till the Corporation shall proceed to work that part of the 10^th Avenue on which it stands, Reported, as follows:

"That they have considered the same, and are of opinion that this Board does not possess the right to make such a Grant. The Avenue being a highway and public property for which individuals in the neighbourhood have been assessed, any incumbrance thereon is liable to be removed at the instance of those persons—[142] it is therefore recommended that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted.

"It however is not probable that the petitioner will, for some time, be disturbed in the possession of the place, as it appears that all the persons owning property in the neighbourhood have signed the petition, and it is believed there is no disposition on the part of the Corporation to interfere."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen

which Report was approved.

The Attorney, in the absence of the Counsel, presented a Deed to Robert Lenox for 3 Lots of land between the Fourth and Fifth Avenues; and also a Deed to James Vincent for one of the Collect Lots—which several Deeds were directed to be duly executed.

The Alms-house Committee, to whom was referred the application of the visiting Surgeon to the Alms-house, presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Alms-house Committee, to whom [143] was referred the Resolution on the subject of employing the Convicts in the Penitentiary in work on the Avenues, presented a Report, which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 30 March	$4544.92	
Received for Common Lands	1368.83	
" " Rents &c	7426.95	
" " Tax 1817. 10 wrd	1000.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00	
" " Streets	500.00	
" " Mayoralty fees	165.75	
" Commut. Alien Passeng	35.00	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.00	=17,641.45

18 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 dist	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, do 2 do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do 3 do	413.00
Dan. H. Magee, keepr Potter's Field, 1 mo. 1st inst	46.50

Jno. Bedient, Coroner—fees 1 qr. to 1 inst.	498.65	
Lewis & Hall, 6 mo. subscription to Commercial Advert. 1 inst.	75.00	
Editor Columbian, 6 mo. subscrip. 1 inst.	75.00	
Adam Thompson, proportion of Canal St. Assesst. refunded	9.42	
[144] Jac. Hays, Officers convyg prisnrs from Pol. Office to Pentent. 4 Nov. to 3d.	65.00	
Rob. Provoost, glazing & paintg lamps for March	106.43	
Chs. Mooney, Balce Contract paving Cross St.	395.34	
Jno. Targee & Associates, Sundry Asses.	198.00	
Chs. Mooney, bal. pav. Bdway, from Prince to Bleecker S..	108.56	
Jno. Sloan, regtng Bleecker St.	100.00	
Jno. Gallagher, 1st instant, Well in Perry Street.	63.45	
Abner Higgins, 2d instant, filling Basin Crane Wharf.	900.00	
Abr. Storms, Balce on Contract, Bulkhead Crane Wharf...	497.50	
Rich. Furman, Superintend. of the Alms house.	3000.00	8352.60
	Balance	$=9288.85

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[145] In Common Council April 13. 1818.

Present. The Honble Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Pres.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
J. Warren. Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robt. McQueen	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. Buckmaster	Effing. Schieffelin
Arthur Burtis	Stephen Allen.
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of sundry Butchers, praying an alteration of the Law so as to permit them to bring their Cattle through the Streets on Sunday before 9 o'clock in the morning and after 5 o'clock in the afternoon —was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday laws.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, praying that the Vacant Lots between Willet, Delancy, Sheriff and Rivington Streets may be filled up, as they [146] are at present in a state highly injurious to the neighbourhood—was read and referred to the City Inspector and Street Commissioner.

A request of John Vanderlyn, that the ground leased to him by the Corporation at the corner of Chamber and Cross Streets may be cleared from the present buildings thereon, as he is about erecting a Building—was read and referred to the Committee of Finance to enquire if Mr. Vanderlyn has complied with the conditions of the Lease to him, and if so that they can cause obstructions to be removed—otherwise to report thereon to the Board.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that Broadway may be paved, and the side walks flagged, between Bleecker Street and 28 feet north of Great Jones' Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Complaint of John R. Livingston was received, stating that he had been prosecuted for not filling up two Lots in Anthony Street, whereas the said lots were higher than the adjoining lots which had been ad- [147] mitted by the City Inspector to be sufficiently high—which was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Attorney.

A Petition of Theodosius Fowler, to be permitted to construct a Vault in Franklin Street—and a similar petition from J. E. Clark for a Vault in Murray Street—were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Troup and Goelet, for permission to place Anchors on the porch of their store, alleging the same would be no inconvenience to the Public, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition on behalf of a Mrs. Pettit an aged woman, to be permitted to place a Table on the street for the sale of Apples and Cakes, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th ward, with authority to grant the same.

A Petition of Thomas Truslow, for permission to place building Materials in the Street for houses he was about erecting, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, [148] with power to grant the same.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg, for payment of a Contract for paving Orange and Mulberry Streets—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of James Byrne for Stall No. 37 Fly Market—and one of George W. Varian for Stall No. 13 Catharine Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, in favor of establishing a Ferry between Chamber Street and Spring Street on the Hudson

River to Harsimus in New Jersey was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Recommendation from Sundry Inhabitants for the appointment of John Boyce as keeper of a Pound in the 9th Ward, was read, and the said John Boyce was accordingly appointed keeper of a Pound in the 9th Ward of the City of New York.

A Petition from Sarah Holloway, stating that she had received a notice to remove a house belonging to her standing in Lispenard Street [149] from said Street: that it is the only property she has to maintain herself in her declining years; and praying said house may be permitted to remain, or that a piece of ground may be assigned to her, whereon to place it—was read and directed to be laid on the Table.

A Petition for a Well and Pump, at the Intersection of Varick and Dominick Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street between Bleecker and Houston Streets—which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for making a Road through the Third Avenue, and an Ordinance for making a Road thro' the Eighth Avenue—which were passed, and Thomas C. Taylor, Henry Post and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Washington [150] Street from Spring Street to Christopher Street—and one for a Well and Pump in Perry Street near Herring Street—which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

The Attorney in behalf of the Counsel presented a law entitled "A Law to amend the Law relative to the Park, Bowling Green and Battery—which was read by paragraphs and passed: and 200 handbills of the same were directed to be printed and pasted in the vicinity of those places.

The Comptroller Reported that the Contract for the Street Manure had not yet been executed, owing to the necessity of an amendment to the Law respecting the cleaning of Streets to embrace the Regulations lately made by the Board on that subject. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee and Counsel.

The Comptroller Reported that the Deeds to George Degrass and David Cargill, which were referred to him for examination he finds to

be correct as to the purchase, bound- [151] aries and quantity of land sold. Whereupon, the same were directed to be duly executed.

The following appointment of Fireman was made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 33."

Jno. C. Chadeayne, Blk Smith, Lombardy St. 7 ward, vice John Downs, Resigned.

The Committee of Applications, on the Petition of Samuel Johnston for the appointment of a Measurer of Grain &c. reported that he was in their opinion a suitable person to receive said appointment—Whereupon, said Samuel Johnston was appointed a Measurer of Grain &c. in this City.

A Petition of John Hobart for Stall No. 32 Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported in his favor and the Stall was assigned to him.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Samuel Piercy to be permitted to sell Meat in Division Street, and of James Gardner to be permitted to sell at No. 96 Hester Street, reported that the prayers of said Petitioners ought not to be granted, as there [152] was an Ordinance of the Board against it—which Report was approved.

The Market Committee, on the petition of David Perrin for Stall No. 19 Fly Market, reported in his favor, and that he receive a License for said Stall—which was approved.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Jacob Acker and George Shaffee to be permitted to exchange with each other Stalls No. 41 Catharine Market and No. 47 Washington Market—reported in favor of the petitioners—which was approved and the exchange was permitted to be made accordingly.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Henry Shop for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market, reported in his favour, and the stall was directed to be assigned to him and he receive a License therefor.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others, presented a Report, which was referred back to the same Committee to negociate with Petitioners as to the Amount which should be paid by them for additional ground, which according to said Report will be ceded to them.

[153] The Report of the Alms-House Committee, (on the subject of employing the convicts on the Roads,) which was presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration, was called up and referred back to the same Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

Mrs. C. A. Dale	Own.	State c.	Marketfield	Lot.
Abraham Frost	do		Greenwich Street	do
W. W. Gilbert	Own.		Greenwich c.	
John Cole	Occ.		Hammond.	Privy.
Geo. Tappen	Own. & Occ.	192	Hester St	do
C. Burbank	Own.	46	Ferry St	do
S. Hendrickson	Occ.			
J. Boyce	Own.		Harman St	do
Henry Peterson	Occ.			
J. McKenna	Own. & Occ.	17	Elm Street	do
Geo. Tappen	Own.	122	Mulberry St.	do
A. & J. Bogert	Occ.			
J. & W. Mott	Own.	10	Cliff Street	do
D. Fanshaw	Occ.			
King & Hillhouse,	Own. & Occ.	216	Pearl Street	do
Hen. McVickar	Own.	228	do	do
Mrs. Paxton	Occ.			
Taylor, Winthrop & Co	Own.	230	do	do
Collins & Hanna	Occ.			
Jno. McCracken	Own.	254	do	do
Robt. Wardle	Occ.			
F. Ogsbury	Own. & Occ.	244	do	do
Townsend & Son,	do do	264	do	do
[154] T. Tilletson	Own.	284	do	do
J. Fannerly	Occ.			
Jno. Townly	Les	286	do	do
S. Redman	Occ.			
Jno. T. Dolan	Own.	298	do	do
R. Eli	Occ.			
A. Hagerman,	Les. & Occ.	164	Water Street	do
T. Seaman	do do	166	do	do
Seth Clark	Own.	168	do	do
W. Stillwell	Occ.			
Mrs. A. Prall	Own.	176	do	do
Richd Smith	Occ.			
G. B. Abell	Own.	186	do	do
H. Crockren	Occ.			
G. B. Abell	Own.	188	do	do
Chs. Williams	Occ.			

Jno. Targee	Own. & Occ.	192	Water Street	Privy.
Sam. Thompson	Own.	212	do	do
Thompson & Cleesman	Occ.			
Robt. Bogardus	Agt.	218	do	do
Ann Weeks	Occ.			
T. Tilletson	Own.	222	do	do
B. Bunker	Occ.			
S. Stevens Esqr	Own.	226	do	do
Apollos Potter	Occ.			
Peter Schermerhorn,	Own.	224	do	do
do	Occ.			
Sam. Thompson	Own.	230	do	do
Jno. C. Thompson	Occ.			
Richard Seaman	Own.	236	do	do
A. Hamilton	Occ.			
John Leger	Own.	244	do	do
Sam. Shotwell	Occ.			
[155] Jos. D. O Grady	Occ.	250	Water Street.	Privy.
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(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Committee on Charity, on the Petition of Joseph Mangin requesting a Loan, Reported:

"That your Committee believe Petitioner to be very poor, and unless he receives some small assistance will be compelled to take refuge in the Alms House. He is however willing to avoid this Alternative if possible, and hopes, if he receives a temporary relief, from the Corporation, he will be enabled, during the Summer at least, to maintain himself and family from the fruits of his labour.

"The Committee therefore recommend, in consideration of the circumstances of the petitioner, together with his age and infirmities, that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to the relief of the Petitioner under the direction of this Committee and that a Warrant pass for said amount accordingly."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Jno. B. Coles
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens.

Approved, and a Warrant directed to issue.

[156] The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller, on the Account of the Superintendant of Repairs, Reported:

"That they have examined the Account of Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs, from 9th August 1817 to 9th April 1818, and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation	$27,285.88
For Sundry Articles sold by him, including Gas light Apparatus, old Metal, old Engine Hose, old Engine house at Greenwich, partition, fence, &c	183.28
Balance due the Corporation on the last Settlement and now credited	234.41
	$=27,703.57
He has paid, agreeably to Vouchers produced, 232 Accounts, amount	27,672.52
Leaving a Balance due Corporation, to be carried to Credit of new Account	$=31.05

(sign'd) Geo. B. Thorp
" Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which Report of the Committee, on the above Account of the Superintendant of Repairs—was approved.

[157] The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition for a Cistern in Mott Street, Reported:

"That they have duly considered the subject, and are convinced that Mott Street near Zion Church is an eligible situation for a public Cistern; and as the people in that vicinity are desirous of having one built

"They recommend that their request be granted, and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance for that purpose."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert M^cQueen
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved; and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance therefor, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed the Assessors therein.

The Road Committee, to whom it was referred to settle with J. Skinner, respecting his Contract for part of the Third Avenue, presented a Report, which was laid for consideration.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Samuel Jones, Reported: That they

"have examined the profile, [158] and respectfully recommend that Bond Street be regulated agreeably to the request of the Petitioner, and that the Ordinances herewith be passed for that purpose."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" Leonard Kip
" Jno. M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved; the Ordinance therein recommended passed; and Jacob C. Mott, John Targee and John Brower were appointed Assessors therein.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Jordan Mott for a Vault & Cistern, Reported: That they—"having viewed the premises are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, as there is not room on the premises to build a cistern —and it is not intended to have any opening in the Street. and will be constructed of Brick."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John M^cComb
St. Commis^r
" Leonard Kip

which Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner was approved.

[159] The Report of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the subject of property required for Slips between Oliver Street and Catharine Slip and between Roosevelt Street and James Slip, which was presented on the 16th March last and laid for consideration, was called up and read, as follows:

"That they have waited on a number of the Owners; but not being able to come to any terms with them, they requested them to make their propositions in writing and to deliver them to your Committee—the enclosed they have just received, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of your honorable Board."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller
" Jno. M^cComb, St. Commis.

The Letter of Mr. Coster above mentioned as inclosed in the Report was as follows:

New York, 16 March, 1818.

John M^cComb Esqr—

Dear Sir —

"If the Honorable the Corporation should wish to build a Public Slip at or near the property this side the New Market in which I am interested, I should think the Owners should be paid for the Bulk head and Pier with Interest till paid, and that part which is filled in along [160] side the Bulkhead and will be taken for the public Street should be valued by impartial men and also paid for with interest—this is my opinion, and of which you'll please to inform the Honorable the Corporation if you think proper."

I am respectfully
Sir—Your very humble servt.
(sign'd) Jno. G. Coster.

N. B. "I have commuted for the Quit-Rent which sum of course will be repaid with Interest."

Whereupon, Resolved—that the Common Council do not agree to the terms proposed by Mr. Coster, and that the Counsel proceed forthwith to take the legal steps for taking said property for said purposes of a Public Slip or Basin.

Mr. Van Amringe presented the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to report to this Board on or before the Second Monday in May next, and so from time to time on the Second Monday in May of each succeeding year, a correct and accurate list of all the real property belonging to or in possession of or claimed [161] by this Board, and particularly where the same is situated with the number and Street or other accurate description of the same—likewise the nature of the tenure by which it is held, whether productive of income, and the amount of the same, and if leased the date and term of the lease and to whom leased."

which Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that hereafter the Inspectors of Elections be paid a per diem allowance of Three dollars, during the continuance of their duties as Inspectors. The same to be paid in lieu of all expences, except the wages of the Clerks and Peace Officers."

which was agreed to.

Alderman Coles presented Resolutions on the subject of Canal Street—which were referred to the Canal Committee, and 50 copies of the same were directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

Ordered—that a Warrant issue in favor of Alderman Brackett for Sixty dollars for payment to Counsel for opinion given on the subject of the powers of the Corporation to take property for Public Slips.

[162] This being the period assigned by Law for the Appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Annual State and Charter Election, the Board proceeded to the performance of that duty, and, balloting having been dispensed with, the following persons were appointed Inspectors in the several Wards, as follow:

First Ward	Jeromus Johnson
	James W. Lent
	Elisha Tibbets
Second Ward	Jonathan Thompson
	Joseph Riley
	Elam Williams
Third Ward	William H. Ireland
	Henry McFarland
	Jackson Haines
Fourth Ward	Abraham Bloodgood
	John Brown[er]
	Joel Post
Fifth Ward	Roger Strong
	John Conrey
	Martin L. Wilkins
Sixth Ward	William AlBurtis
	Richard L. Walker
	William Coulthard
Seventh Ward	Benjamin Prince
	Benjamin A. Akerly
	David Brooks
Eighth Ward	Samuel M. Thompson
	Gilbert Coutant
	Edmund Kirby
Ninth Ward	William A Davis
	Jacobus Dyckman
	James Striker
Tenth Ward	John Drake
	Judah Hammond
	Cornelius Schuyler.

A member stating that he had confidential business to communicate, the Lobby was cleared and

The Doors Closed.*

* Space left blank.—ED.

The Comptroller Reported, as follows:

Balance in the Treasury on the 6th instant	9288.85	
Received for Streets	3000.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	86.21	=12,375.06

Accounts Audited.

Corlis & May, flaggg Broadway	200.00	
Pet. Parsells, regg Sts. Greenwich	200.00	
Jos. Willoughby, regg Hammond St	200.00	
B. Hill & R. Ayres, filg basin Dey St	500.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Reprs	800.00	
Rich. Furman, Treasr N. A. H. balce	2876.38	
J. W. Brackett—to Counsel's payt opinn	60.00	
Steph. Allen—Charity J. F. Mangin	50.00	4886.38
	Balance=	$7488.68

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock.

[164] In Common Council April 20. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Jones Jr.
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe.
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effingham Schieffelin.
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Ezra Weeks, proprietor of the City Hotel, stating that [a] number of years since he erected a Stone Step and Platform in front of said Hotel, against which no objection was made and it has since remained: that he has lately at the suggestion of the neighbourhood erected an iron railing in front of said Platform: that he has been informed that the Platform extends in the street beyond the distance prescribed by Law, but as it would be attended with considerable expence to remove it, and as it comports with the opinion of the immediate neighborhood, [165] as expressed by their Recommendations accompanying the Petition, he prayed relief—was read—Whereupon it was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the Licensed Cartmen of the City, praying that the following regulations may be established in respect to licensing Cartmen:

"1. That no single man, especially Mechanics or Minors be licensed.

"2. That no Licenses be granted to Aliens.

"3. That no License be granted to any person unless he shall "have been a Resident of the City one year.

"4. That no Cartman be permitted to own more than one horse "and Cart."

The same being read was referred to his Honor the Mayor, to act in the premises as he shall deem most conducive to the public Interest.

A Communication which had been made to the Mayor by the Reverend Mr. , one of the Clergy of the Catholic Church, was read—stating, that a Coloured Man at the Alms-House who had been sick had been put into a Coffin while yet alive, and that upon a Remonstrance having been made on the subject he had been taken out and had not died for a [166] considerable time after—A Representation from Doctor Brown, one of the physicians at Bellevue, was also read, stating that the person was one who was ill of a malignant fever, and respecting whom directions had been given to place him in the coffin as soon as he was dead: that upon the fact being made known to him that the man was still alive tho' in a coffin he had him immediately removed, and that he lived but about an hour afterwards. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Alms-house Committee, with directions to report a statement of the facts at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of Peter Lacour for Appointment as Wood Inspector: one of Wright Carpenter as Street Inspector: one of Daniel Corning as City Guager: one of Gershon Ludlam as Inspector of Manure; and one of Hugh Pownall for some office under the Corporation—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Thomas and George Lovett, for payment of Account for repairing the Pier at Fulton Slip—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[167] A Letter from Richard Varick to the Mayor, stating that two several bonds of the Corporation to him dated the 17th of February 1812—one for $2940 and the other for $20,000, would fall due on the 1st of May next, and that he would attend at the Comptroller's Office on that day between 10 and 12 o'clock to receive payment—was read and laid on the Table.

The following resignations of persons appointed as Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and accepted: and the following persons appointed in their place.

Ward.	Resigned.	Substituted.
1	Elisha Tibbets	John Nitchie.
3	Henᵞ McFarland	Garrit B. Abeel.
4	John Brown	Benjamin Crane.
5	Martin S. Wilkins	Geo. H. Ireland immediately Resignᵈ
.....	George H. Ireland	Ezra Weeks.
.....	Roger Strong	Thos. J. Campbell.
9	Jacobus Dyckman	Oliver Hibbert.
8	Edmund Kirby	Jacob Aimes.

A Letter was received from the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company, stating that by the placing of the foundation of the Building erecting by Mr. Vanderlyn upon the Lot at the corner of Chamber and [168] Augustus Street, leased to him by the Corporation, one of the Main Pipes which supplies the City with water had been broken up—and praying permission to place the same under the ground of the Park or of Pearl Street—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance against paving Avenue "D," from a number of the owners through whose grounds the same will pass, was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Street Commissioner.

A Request of the Reverend John Hanning, that the Room over the Watch House in Spring Street, which he had rented for the purpose of a School Room, might be put in Repair—was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Petition of John Stebbins, stating that by mistake the value of his personal property had been carried out in the Book of Assessments of the 5th Ward $5000 instead of $500, and that the tax had been laid on him accordingly, and praying relief—and transmitting a Certificate to that effect from the [169] Assessors of the Ward—was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

His Honor the Mayor stated, that there had been served upon him as Mayor of the Corporation of New York a Writ of Injunction at the suit of Richard Varick, in relation to the opening of Bleecker Street.

A Petition of Maria Bogart, to be permitted to sell vegetables in the Market as an agent for a person residing in the country, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from A. L. Pennock & Co. of Philadelphia, stating that they have obtained a Patent for a species of Fire Engine Hose termed Rivet Hose, much superior to that in common use, and offering to contract to supply the same, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer.

A Petition from John Dietz, J. Dietz Jr. and Michael Dietz, Manufacturers of Glue in the Eigthh Ward, praying to be permitted to continue their Manufactory at said place, was read, and leave given to the Petitioners to withdraw their Petition.

[170] A Petition of James W. Anderson, praying payment for a Pump belonging to him, which upon the opening of Hudson Street into Chamber Street now stands in the public Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of a number of owners of Lots in Greenwich Village, remonstrating against the plan adopted by the Corporation for regulating the grounds in said Village, as being injurious to their property and extremely oppressive—was read and referred to a Special Committee of Aldermen Buckmaster Burtis Thorp Messieurs Jones Stevens Akerly Allen Taylor

A Petition for a Lamp on the West side of Market Street Slip, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Greenwich Street near King Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commis- [171] sioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Columbia Street near Broome Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed the Collector.

The Street Committee, Street Commissioner and Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward, to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the First Ward in Water Street, respecting a Passage way from Water to Front Street called Cuyler's Alley, which they prayed might be widened and a Street made through—reported, " that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the petition."

(sign'd) E. Holmes
" John Remmey
" J. B. Coles
" J. McComb

St. Commr

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Troup & Goelet—Reported, "that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition, as it was opposed to an Ordinance of the Corporation."

(sign'd) E. Holmes
" J. Remmey
" John McComb
Street Commr

[172] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 2."

Augtus Cregier—Carver—49 Chrystie St. 10 ward—vice Arza Avery, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 26."

Nathl Harris Jr.—Fish Mongr—124 Henry S. 7 ward—vice David Ogden Earl, Resd

Hen. Townsend Jr. Carpenter—Forsyth St. 10 ward—vice James Clark, Resigned.

Edward Dayton, Ship Chandr—178 Bancker S. 7 wd—vice James Hoyt, Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 32."

Jno. Milderberger—Carpentr Chatham c. Chamber—6 ward—vice Abrm Salter, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

	"Namely."		
Mrs. R. Murray	Own & Occ	48 Orange St	Lot
Francis Spicer	do do	Allen St.	do
A. L. Stewart	do	Watts St	do
Will. Brevoort Moses W. Hunt	Own. Occ.	29 Oak St	do
A. L. Stewart	Own	Sullivan St.	do
Christian Stamler	Les	Elizabeth St	do
Jacob Barker	Own	Rivington St	do
do	Own	Sheriff St	do
Jno. Van Orden	Own	Rivington c. Sheriff	do
[173] Peter Ogilvie	Own.	Sheriff St.	do
G. Little	Own.	Cannon St.	do
T. & G. Lovett	Own	do	do
Jas. Malow	Own. & Occ	3 Bancker St.	Privy

Geo. Thompson		Own	65	Division St.	Privy.
S. Lyon, A Palmer and Mr. Smith		Occ.			
Mr. Griffen		Own	49	Cherry St	do
A. R. Griffen		Agt			
John Langdon		Occ.			
G. Janeway		Own.	76	Chatham St.	do
Will. Jackson		Occ			
Jno. L. Van Kleeck		Own.	167	Washington	do
J. Anderson		Occ			
Th. Stevenson	Own. & Occ		17	Gold St.	do
Jas. Thompson		Own.	19	do	do
Z. Diswold		Occ.			
Stewart M^{c}Allen,	Les. & Occ.		8	do	do
Matthew Hunt	do.	do	4	Hague St.	do
D. Lining		Own.	5	do	do
Mary Lynch		Occ			
Thos. Cave	Les. & Occ		6	do	do
D. Lining		Own.	7	do	do
J. Kerwan		Occ			
Edm^{d} Fitz Gerald	Own. Occ		8	do	do
Edw^{d} Wilson	Les. & Occ		13	do	do
Hen^{y} Peters		Own.	201	Pearl St.	do
M. J. D. Dissosway		Occ.			
Jno. M^{c}Clellan	Own. & Occ		209	do	do
W. J. Stewart		Own	221	do	do
T. W. R. Satterlee & Co.		Occ			
Jno. J. Glover		Own	225	do	do
P. Stratton		Occ			
[174] D. G. Campbell		Own	239	do	do
P. Demilt		Occ			
Jno. Treadwell	Own. & Occ.		243	do	do
do	do	do	245	do	do
J. Corlies	do	do	283	do	do
Will. Thurston	do	do	291	do	do
F. Gardner	do	do	305	do	do
Mrs. A. Byvanck		Own.	309	do	do
E. Cornell		Occ.			

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Market Committee presented a Report accompanied by Returns of Fly, Washington, Duane, Spring Street, Centre and Catharine Markets. To wit

"Report of the Committee."

"The Market Committee beg leave to lay before the Board the Returns of the Butchers, and the numbers of their Stalls they now occupy in the Fly, Washington, Catharine and Centre Markets, and recommend that they be licensed agreeable to the said returns made to them by the Deputy Clerks of said Markets."

(sign'd) Geo. Buckmaster
" John B. Coles
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone

[175] which was Approved, and Licenses directed to be issued to them agreeably to the following Returns:

"A List of Butchers standing in the Fly Market, April 11. 1818."

(sign'd) Peter Amerman
Deputy Clerk.

1.	William Pulis	26	Christian Truss
2	Nicholas Steel	27	William Wright
3	Matthias Smith	28	James Wright
4	George Pierson	29	James Byrns
5	John Gritman	30	John Norman
6	John Chappell	31	John Whitehand
7	Vacant	32	John Hobart
8	William Pomford	33	Martin Silber
9.	James Bashford	34	Daniel Tier
10		35	John Rudman
11		36	William Warlow
12		37	Henry Schop (vact)
13		38	Eliphalet Wheeler
14	Thomas Gibbons	39	John Simosen
15		40	Willet Cornell
16		41	Andrew Wheaton
17		42	Peter Wilt
18		43	Daniel Burtnell
19	David Perrin	44	John Nash
20	John Hyde	45	Henry Marsh
21	John Kent	46	David Marsh
22	Caleb Concklin	47	Edward Patton
23	John Abale	48	William Reynolds
24) 25)	Scale & Passage	49	Andrew Fisher
		50	John Doughty

[176] 51. William Patton
— Sam. De Camp. Occ.
52 James Carr
53 John Stambler
54 John Perrin
55 Saml T. Weeks
56 Christian Stambler
57 Jacob Manold
58 William Masserve
59 Michael Crawbuck
60 William Foster
61 Cornelius Schuyler
62 N. Underhill
63 William Everitt
— Effm Marsh, Occ.
64 E. Underhill
65 Benj. Cornell
— L. Jarvis, Occ.
66 Jos. O. Bogart
67 William Kline
68 Geo. G. Messerve
69 Daniel Winship
70 John Pell
71 David Seaman
72 George Manelt

"Return of all the Butchers in Washington Market."

(sign'd) Richard Smith
Deputy Clerk.

1 John S. Fink
2 Jno. Geo. Gratt
3 Chs. Weatherspoon
4 Thomas Starr
5 Nicholas Dean
6 John Shain
7 George Haws
8 Simeon Travis
9 Charles Gwyer
10 Benjamin Davis
11 John Henning
12 Isaac Vaughan
13 George Vaughan
14 William Vonck
15 Jacob Flager
[177] 30 Christian Hartell
31 John Hutton
32 Cornelius King Jr.
33 Adam Hartell
35 John Devenport
36 Lawrence Wiseburn
37 Jacob Aims
38 Henry Weeker
39 John Brewer
40 George Hutton
41 William Passman
42 William Chivvis
43 John Chevvis
16 Mich. Hylerman
17 James Owens
18 Chs. Myers Jr.
— J. L. Finkstall Occ
19 Hugh Goble
20 Jacob Harriot
21 Christian Harriot
22 Charles Gilman
23 Chs. Gilman Jr.
24 Thomas Corlieys
25 Barthw Granger
26 John Pessinger
27 Isaac Byce
28 Samuel White
29 Francis Spicer
44 Henry Owens
45 William Hopkins
46 John Hopkins
47 Jacob Acker
48 James Chevvis
49 Philip L. Luff
50 Cornelius Chevvis
51 Lodwick Harple
52 Ernest Keyser
53 Thos. Jeremiah
54 Abrm Vermilia
55 John Fink
56 Alexr Fink Jr.

"Return of Butchers in Duane Market."

(sign'd) Richard Smith
Deputy Clerk

1 John P. Tier
2 Robert Tier

" Return of Butchers in Spring Street do.

(sign'd) Richard Smith
Deputy Clerk.

1 Ernest Fink
2 Alexander Jeroleman
3 Adam Coutant
4 Frederick Glashan
6 John Glashan

"Return of Butchers standing in Catharine Market, April 20. 1818."

(sign'd) John Bremner
Deputy Clerk.

1 Francis F. Dominick
2 William Moore
[178] 5 Matthias Tier
6 Christn Hertell Jr.
7 George Thompson
8 Philp Bowerhan
9 William Messerve
10 Richard Varian Jr.
11 Peter Valintine
12 Caleb Vandenburgh
13
14 Philip Romaine
15 John P. Harmoney
16 James Taylor
17 Samuel Martin
18 Joseph Conklin
19 Joseph Hyde
20 Jeremiah Tier
21 Walter Durbrow
22 Jno. Valintine Jr.
23 Silvanus S. Townsend
24 John K. Floor
25 Jacob Varian
26 Jacob H. Varian
3 John B. Smith
4 John Lyon
27 William Shott
28 Richard Platt
29 Jas. Goodman
30 Andrew Hutton
31 Jonath. Skillman
32 Thos. McCrady
33 Matthew Byrnes
34 Jacob Odle
35 H. Pessinger (Vact)
36 Andrew Smock
37 Willm Messerve
38 Olley Fisher
39 James Reeves
40 Adam Dobbs
41 Jacob Pessenger
42 Matthew Vogal
43 Solomon Dean
44 William Appleby
45 Nich. Laurance
46 Thomas Marshall
47 Thos. Place Jr.
48. Blaze Tenbrook.

" Return of Butchers Standing in Centre Market, April 13. 1818."

" Jno. Bremner "
Deputy Clk.

1 Asa W. Wisson
2 Joseph Blackwell
3 William H Gross
4 John Hilliker
5 Jacob Tier
6 William Reeves
7. Stephen Hilliker
8 John Fash
9 Thomas Mook
10 William Bowne
11 Jas. Simoson
12 Andrew Bazley
13 William Mook
14 John Triglor

[179] The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Sextons of the several churches, Reported:

"That they have given the same due attention, but can discover no sufficient reason for taxing the public for the performance of so small a service, and for which the Legislature, who passed the Law under which they act in this capacity, would have doubtless provided had it been deemed expedient. It is therefore recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted."

(sign'd) Thomas R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Superintendant of the Alms House, Bridewell and Penitentiary presented his annual Report—"Shewing the number of Paupers who have been admitted into the Alms house from the 1st day of April 1817 (including those at that time in the House) to the 1st day of April 1818; and the number discharged, and who died in the House, during the same period; also the number of Paupers now in the House, designating their sex and places of birth; the Prisoners or Vagrants in the City Prison, Bridewell and Penitentiary; the [180] Maniacs in the City Asylum; also an Account of Money distributed amongst the Out door Poor by the Commissioners during the time aforesaid." as follows:

Paupers in and admitted in the Alms house from the 1st of April 1817 to 1st Apr. 1818		3100
Paupers discharged	1354	1594
do died	240	
Remaining in House 1 Apr. 1818		1506

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
338	492	420	256	1506

City N. York	State N. York	United Sts.	England	Scotland	Ireland	Germany	France	West Indies	Africa	Total
780	133	148	91	35	256	39	5	12	7	1506

Vagrants in City Prison and Bridewell on 1st Apr. 1818. Men 65. Women 48		113
Prisoners & Vagrants in City Penitentiary 1 Apr. Men 175. Women 125		300
Maniacs in City Asylum at expence of Alms-house. Men 17. Women 21		38
Cash distributed to Outdoor poor from 1st Apr. 1817 to 1st Apr. 1818..		$6347.59
1081 loads wood, carting &c.	2883.75	3949.38
4000 bushels potatoes, cartg &c.	1065.63	

New York (sign'd) Richd Furman
April 1. 1818. Superintendt

[181] which report was directed to be published and printed for the use of the Members.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner lay before the Board a statement shewing the amount paid by the Corporation for opening and improving Streets and Avenues over and above the sum collected from the persons benefitted by said Improvements, and that said statement shew the sums paid for each improvement separately"—which was agreed to.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to:

"Whereas the improvement of the ground near the old Alms House, lately granted to Mr. J. Vanderlyn for the erection of a building for a Panorama, has made it necessary to remove the Stable used for public purposes for the Commissioners of the Alms house—Therefore

"Resolved that it be referred to a Special Committee to select a suitable place for erecting a Stable for the purpose aforesaid.

"Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs proceed to build the same under the direction of the said Committee, [182] as soon as the ground shall be selected."

Alderman Coles presented the following Resolution:

"Whereas by the Ordinance prescribing the duties of the Comptroller, he is, among other things required "to keep a regular set of books by way of double entry, in which shall be kept an account of all money received and paid out for the Corporation," and it appears that such regular set of books hath not been kept, but that instead thereof two irregular sets of books have been kept, in which entries have been improperly made and posted in some cases; and in others omitted to be made, in consequence whereof the books do not

balance, and a disorder and ambiguity does and has for many years existed in that department highly disreputable to it:

"And by the same Ordinance it is made the duty of the Comptroller "to exhibit a balance sheet of such books to the Common Council once in every Six months" and it appears that no such balance sheet has been exhibited for many years, by which omission the representatives of this City have been deprived [183] of that salutary supervision of all accounts opened and kept in the books, relating to the Annual Receipts of about half a million of dollars and the expenditure thereof, highly disreputable to that department:

"The great object and end sought for in creating the Office of a Comptroller was, that he should keep a regular Account of all money received from and paid to the other departments and individuals, without receiving or paying any himself, and that all charges of this nature, advanced upon unsettled accounts, should stand open in the books until the same are regularly settled and credited in conformity to the directions and instructions of the Common Council, and that all entries, made in the books or posted, should never be so obliterated but that the original should be legible: thus, and thus only, can that accountability be enforced, so essential and important to the public good—by the double entry every sum it embraces must be posted to the credit of one account or accounts and to the debit of another account or accounts, and thereby check and balance each other—and by the half yearly exhibition of all accounts standing open in the books of the Comptroller, [184] the representatives of this City would see and become more intimately acquainted with all the money concerns over which they preside and which they direct thro' their organ the Comptroller—these considerations are particularly important to the people of this City, who annually elect and so frequently and so properly change their agents in the Common Council.

"Under all circumstances connected with this subject, the Common Council do not perceive, that the public good would be advanced by instituting an enquiry into the causes which have led to the state of things here presented, but the present members feel it to be their duty to adopt such measures as appear best calculated to enforce an observance of the aforesaid Ordinance hereafter—and presuming that these irregularities have arisen in some measure from the appointment of Comptrollers not well acquainted with keeping the Accounts as prescribed by law, it seems proper that a suitable Clerk to this Department should be appointed by the Common Council, who shall be acquainted with the nature and keeping of such accounts, to take

charge of the books, to furnish the balance sheets, and to do [185] such other things as may appertain to his office, under the superintendance and direction of the Comptroller.

Therefore—

"Resolved, that at the next meeting of this Board, they will proceed to the appointment of such Clerk so qualified, and that he be paid an annual Salary in quarter yearly payments of
Dollars.

"Resolved farther, that the Comptroller lay before this Board a balance sheet of the ledger or ledgers in his office, on the second Monday in May and on the Second Monday in November in every year, to the end that the Members thereof may see every account standing open therein, and the amount thereof to its debit or credit, and that such balances be always struck and carried down in the Ledger in figures, to correspond with the Balance Sheet.

"Resolved farther, that as soon after the appointment of said Clerk as the nature of the case will admit, the Comptroller with the assistance of such clerk shall cause all the Accounts to be brought into one set of books, and that by proper single entries they be made to balance, and be thereafter kept in conformity to the aforesaid Ordinance or such other [186] as may be hereafter made."

The question being taken on the First Resolution, and a Division having been called by Alderman Coles, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill Holmes Smith McQueen Buckmaster Burtis Thorp Munson. Messieurs Stone Remmey Akerly Taylor Schieffelin Allen 15.

Affirmative. Alderman Coles Messieurs Jones Stevens Van Amringe 4.

A motion was then made that the consideration of the Second Resolution be postponed until the Second Monday in May—which was carried. The question was then taken on the Third Resolution and negatived. The question being then taken on agreeing to the Preamble, it passed in the Negative.

This being the period for the appointment of Commissioners of the [187] School Fund, the following persons were reappointed:

Peter H. Wendover
Augustus Wright
Abraham Russel
Roger Strong
Francis Cooper.

The Petition of Sarah Halloway, presented at last meeting and laid on the Table, was called up: and it was Resolved, that Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

The Comptroller Reported: as follows.

Balce in Treasury, 13 inst	$=7488.68	
Recd for Tax 1817, 4 & 7 wards	4700.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	300.00	
" " Common Lands	373.15	
" " Streets	759.60	
" " Canal Street	500.00	=14,121.43
Anderson & Walton—Watch 1 dist	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd do 2 do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do 3 do	413.00	
Abm Stagg—pavg Orange St	1714.83	
Martha Golden—Execx—pavg Hudson St	514.81	
Jno. Sloan—regulg Bleecker St	200.00	
Jno. Culbert—pavg Oliver St	100.00	
Hugh Smith— do Orange St	100.00	
Jno. Andriese—Awd property—1st St	122.11	
Caleb Felch—1 ins. Well, Columbia St	45.88	
Richd Furman—Supdt Alms-house	2000.00	=7011.38
Balance	$=7110.05	

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[188] In Common Council April 27. 1818.

Present. The Honble C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Request from Messrs. John, Robert and Samuel Swartwout, praying to be permitted to assign their lease of the Ferries from Vesey and Spring Streets to Mr. Philip Hone who has purchased the Boats and equipment from them—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of William Baldwin, for permission to remove a House from No. 41 Barclay Street to Leonard Street at the corner of Collect Street—and a Petition from Joseph T. Hamilton to [189] remove a House from No. 38 Cherry Street to a lot in Lombardy Street—were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayers of the Petitioners.

A Petition of John George Gottsberger, stating that he is proprietor of ground adjoining the Corporation Lots of Common Lands Nos. 29 and 30 lying between the Eighth and Ninth Avenues and between 63^{d} and 65th Streets, which lots he was desirous of leasing from the Corporation for a Term of years—was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with power to lease the same at auction in such manner as they may deem expedient.

A Petition of R. Pearsall for the appointment of a Weighmaster, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial of sundry persons, that South Street may be continued until it forms a junction with Front Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, with an injunction to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Letter from Noah Jarvis was received, [190] stating that since his appointment as Collector of the Canal Street Assessment no order has been taken by the Board as to the Compensation which is to be allowed him, and praying that the same may be determined on—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Littlefield, for the appointment of Superintendant of Repairs of Docks—was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of James Smith, for permission to construct a Vault in the Street at 59 Fulton Street—a similar request from D. & G. Bruce for a Vault in Chamber Street—and one from Samuel Davis for a Vault in Duane Street—were severally referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Amos Corning, one of the City Surveyors, requesting payment for Maps made by him of the Lots assessed for opening Canal Street amounting to One hundred and sixty dollars, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[191] A Petition of John Dias, praying that a certain Lot on Canal Street in the Eigth Ward and adjoining his property may be directed to be drained or filled up, as its present situation was injurious to

him—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and City Inspector.

A Petition of Sundry Boatmen employed in the conveyance of Manure, complaining of the operation of the Law which prohibits the receiving or delivery of Manure at any of the Public Slips between the 1st day of May and the 1st day of December, and praying its repeal—was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of Jessy Atkinson, stating that she has been assessed to the sum of Seven hundred dollars on 3 Lease lots she holds being for opening Hudson Street into Chamber Street: that she has lately received a further notice to pay Twenty five dollars Seven cents for paving the Intersection of Hudson and Chamber Streets: that she has paid seven hundred dollars, and prays it may be accepted in full, she being the widow of a person who lost his life in the service of the United States, and having 3 children to support—Whereupon, the same was [192] referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Mollinor and McDonald, praying remission of fine incurred by an obstruction in the Streets—was read and referred to the Attorney to report.

A Petition of James Stuart, complaining of the Assessment laid on him for improvement in Oliver Street—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Richard Wight in behalf of Gibbons, for permission to erect a house for Elizabeth Town Boats at the Pier fronting on Washington Street near the Battery—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of the Society for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, for the use of a Room in the New York Institution for the purposes of their Institution, was read and referred to the Alms-House Committee.

The Street Commissioner represented, that Mrs. Holloway, the owner of the House standing in Lispenard Street, had been duly noticed to remove the same, but had refused to comply. Where- [193] upon, it was ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs under direction of the Counsel proceed to cause said House to be removed forthwith.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

John Glover	Own.	Mott St.	Lot.
Robt. M. Livingston	do.	Walker St.	do
A. L. Stewart	do	White St.	do

Rt M. Livingston	Own.		Chapel St.	Lot.
Lynde Catlin	Own.	29	Reed St	Privy
Steph. Killroy	Occ.			
N. Rogers	Own.	96	Warren St.	do
Rt Barnes	Occ.			
John McLean	Own.	25	Oliver St.	do
do	do	27	do	do
Jno. Shaw, decd	Own	15	Pearl St	do
Ann Shaw	Agt.			
P. J. Nevious	Occ.			
Lynde Catlin	Own. or Agt.	277	do	do
J. Kane	Occ.			
P. Allison	Own.	201	Greenwich St.	do
Kirby & Frost	Occ.			
P. Allison	Own.	201½	do	do
B. Fountaine	Occ.			
W. Robertson	Own.	231	do	do
J. Jerelamen	Occ.			
J. G. Lake	Own	233	do	do
J. Newton	Agt.			
Will. Guest	Occ.			
J. B. Murray	Own.	237	do	do
D. S. Doty	Occ.			
[194] ——— Titus	Agt.	239	do	do
Jno. Bonsall	Occ.			
F. Shonnard	Own.	259	do	do
A. Morrow	Occ.			
Wm Green	Own.	277	do	do
J. Faupel	Occ.			
Jno. McMullen	Les. & Occ.	279	do	do
C. Graham	Own.	305	do	do
J. Burns	Occ.			

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

A Resignation of John Nitchie, Inspector of Election of the First Ward, was read and accepted and Benjamin U. Coles was appointed in his place. It was also represented that Jeromus Johnson one of the Inspectors of said First ward had met with an accidental injury which would prevent his attendance at the Poll, and he requested

to be exempted from that service—whereupon Samuel Tooker was appointed in his place. The following other resignations were accepted & appointments made:

Ward.	Resigned	Appointed.
10	Cornelius Schuyler	Charles Dobbs.
9	James Striker	Valentine Nutter
	William A. Davis	John Doughty.

[195] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in King Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John *Targee* [Brower] were appointed Assessors. He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Dominick Street between Varick and Hudson Streets, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of James W. Anderson, Reported:

"That in his opinion it will be improper to allow Mr. Anderson any compensation for the Pump—when that property was taken to extend Hudson Street, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments considered it as belonging to Mr. J. J. Labousse and awarded him the sum of Five Thousand and Eighty four dollars seventy seven cents in full for all damages sustained by him for the property taken to open and extend Hudson Street, and allowed him thirty days to remove his buildings from off the Street."

Respectfully submitted

(sign'd) John McComb
Street Commr

which was approved.

[196] The Special Committee, to whom were referred the Petitions on the subject of Hackney Carriages, presented a Report—which was directed to be laid on the Table and to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee of wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Stevens and others for water grants near Brooklyn, Reported:

"That the waters lying between high and low water mark on the Brooklyn shore, between the East side of Dock Street and the property of the petitioners, being about 35 feet in width, be granted to them

on the usual terms, and that the Counsel of the Board be authorized to prepare a Grant accordingly."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill,
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes,
" John M^cComb,
St. Comm^r
" G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which Report was approved—and the Counsel was directed to prepare Grants therefor.

[197] Alderman Munson, Chairman of the Alms House Committee, stated, that the Legislature had at their late Session passed the Law requested by the Corporation, authorizing them to take additional grounds adjoining the Alms House for the purposes of that establishment—He therefore moved that the Counsel take legal measures to procure the ground mentioned in their Report presented on the 16th of March last. Which motion was agreed to.

Alderman Smith presented the following:

"Whereas by the 169 Section of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce several laws relative particularly to the City of New York into one Act," passed April 9th 1813, the Common Council were authorized to determine the amount of the Salary of the Mayor of said City. Therefore—Resolved, that the Salary of the Honorable the Mayor be fixed at Seven thousand dollars per annum." The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative.

Alderman Coles presented a Resolution, allowing to the High Constable a yearly salary—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Allen, Resolved—that [198] the Counsel take legal measures to open Oliver Street agreeably to the Resolutions of the Common Council.

The Comptroller Reported, as follows:

Balce in Treasury 20 inst.	$7110.05	
Recd for Tax 1817—1, 2, 4, 5, 6 wards	16068.00	
" " Rents	2855.69	
" " Excise	369.50	
" " Tavern Licenses	44.10	26,447.34

9 Accounts Audited.

Rich. Varick—2 Bonds—payt 1 May	22,940.00	
J. McComb—St. Cr—1 qr's Sal. 12 inst	500.00	
B. Birdsall—Iron fence, Park	500.00	
Manhattan Co. Water—1 year—1st May	33.33	
G. Snethen—Supg & light. Lamps. 1 mo	744.92	
Geo. Charlton—buildg Well, White St	59.37	
J. Barnum—Supg Wharves 24 days 1 ins	48.00	
J. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. regg Park, Battery, & to pay workmen public	1300.00	
J. P. Roome, Reprs. Docks & Slips	100.00	=26,225.62
	Balance	$=221.72

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[199] Special Meeting

In Common Council April 28. 1818

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	Effingm Schieffelin
J. W. Brackett.	

The Mayor informed the Board, that he had called this special meeting, in consequence of the refusal of some of the Inspectors of the Election to act.

The Board then proceeded to appoint the following persons Inspectors in the place of persons refusing or unable to act:

Ward.	Appointed.	Resigned.
1	David Johnston	Samuel Tooker.
9	William Hooghland	William A. Davis
"	Henry Post	Valentine Nutter
10	Jerh Lounsberry	Charles Dobbs

Resolved, that the Mayor be requested not to renew the Hack Licenses to Hackney Carriage Drivers till the 3d Monday in May next.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[200] In Common Council May 4. 1818

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jno. B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effing. Schieffelin
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Hassel Wheeler, and of James Vandenburgh for Stall No. 51 in Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Mehitabel Carpenter, and of Bridget Trimble for Hucksters' Stands were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Schmerhorn, Samuel A. Lawrence and William Edgar Jr. for permission to extend the Piers Nos. 9 and 11 as far into the North River [201] as the Pier No. 12, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Memorial of John Low, stating that the House occupied by William A. Hardenbrook standing in the Tenth Avenue is a great inconvenience and praying its removal, was read—whereupon the following Resolution was presented and agreed to: "Resolved that the House standing in the Tenth Avenue and now in the possession of Mr. William A. Hardenbrook be disposed of at public sale, under the direction of the Finance Committee; and that its removal on or before the 20th inst. be one of the conditions of said sale."

A Memorial of Benjamin Bruff, stating that he had invented a Machine for sweeping chimnies which will render unnecessary the employment of Sweep-Chimnies, and praying the aid of the Board to enable him to construct the same—was read and referred to the former Committee on the subject of Chimney Sweepers.

A Petition of John Clark and others, stating that on opening the Drain or Sewer in Liberty Street it was found that the Main Sewer in Maiden Lane was obstructed, and praying the said Main Drain may be cleansed—was read [202] and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of William T. Slocum, late Registerer of Deeds, that he

may be permitted to use the Chancery Court Room for a few days for the deposite of Sundry Deeds and Mortgages belonging to individuals and which had been left in his Office to be recorded—was read and referred to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of Abraham S. Hallet, for permission to construct a Cistern in the Street opposite No. 38 Bancker Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of Benjamin U. Coles, for permission to lay a Drain from his house at the corner of Pearl, Bridge and Water Streets to communicate with the private Drain in Bridge St. or with the Common Sewer in Broad Street, and also to frame a Cistern under the footwalk—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Dixon and Chs. Boyce, for permission to remove a Frame House from Orange Street to [203] Franklin Street next the corner of Orange Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition.

Sundry Remonstrances against the continuance of the Hackney Stands were read and laid to be taken up when the Report of the Committee on that subject is considered.

A Memorial of Mott and Williams in behalf of the Fulton Steam Boat Company was received, stating that in the Spring of 1815 they rented from the Corporation the Easterly half of the West Pier of Fulton Slip for the accommodation of their Boats, for which they pay Seven hundred dollars per annum: that the use they intended to make of it was to store the quantity of fuel requisite for daily consumption: that such use of the Pier is essential to them, and praying the Board to take the same into consideration—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves and Alderman and Assistant of 2d Ward.

A Request for permission to construct Vaults in Leonard Street in front of the Lots of Gamaliel Smith and George Newbold, and in Broadway in front of [204] the Lots of S. M. Bradhurst, S. Walker and Richardson Kingsland—were referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

A Petition from the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Company, stating that by the Lease to them from the Corporation there was leased to them for the term of 18 years from the 1st of May 1811 all the ferry and right of ferriage from the City of New York to so much of the Jersey shore as lies between a point immediately south of Hoboken and a point due west from the Battery Castle: that they understand an application has been made to establish a ferry from the

City of New York to a point within the limits granted to said company; and praying such request may be denied—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

An account was presented from the Inspectors of Election in the First Ward for expences incurred by them for Room hire and so forth—which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor stated, that he had deemed it expedient in order to in- [205] troduce more order and system among the Carmen to call in all their Licenses and to direct new Licenses to be issued to them; and he requested to know from the Common Council upon what terms said licenses should issue—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 5 nuisances, as follows:

George Warner	Own.		Canal St.	Lot
Geo. Lorillard	do		Green St	do
Jno. M^{c}Kesson	do	128	Pump St	Privy.
W^{m} L. Simers	Own.	98	Cherry St	do
J. C. Tucker	Occ.			
Mrs. A. White	Own	11	Ann St.	do
R. Lowerre	Occ			

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:—)

"Hook and Ladder Company, No. 4."

Palmer Clark, Carpenter, 15 Augustus St. 6 ward, vice John Fowler, Resigned.

Sam. Maynard, Carpenter, 70 Pump St. 10 Ward—vice F. Raymond, Resigned.

Geo. B. Reece, Gentleman, 161 Cherry St. 7 ward [206] vice Jno. Douglass, Resigned.

Caleb U. Sutton, grocer, 30 Chrystie, 10 ward. vice Peter Cullins, Deceased.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 1."

Will. Falconer, Blind M^{r}, 336 Greenwich, 5 w^{d}—vice Moses Coleman, Deceased

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

Thos. Barnes, Carpenter, Church c Leonard, 5 ward—vice John Baker, Deceased.

Jno. Urmey, Black Smith, 5 Provost, 5 ward—vice W. Pearsall, Resigned.

Jos. Eldridge, Mason, 154 Church, 5 ward, vice Smith Pettit, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company, No. 11."

Chs. Rosencrantz, Sadler, 145 Water St. 1 ward—vice John Napier, Resigned—

"Fire Engine Company, No. 29"

Garret Akerman, Carter, Perry St. 9 ward—vice Jno. Van Houten, Removed

"Fire Engine Company, No. 31."

W. Durant, Carpenter, 64 Provost, 5 ward, vice Henry Merritt, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company, No. 33."

Geo. Hunter, Grocer, Watter St. 7 ward—vice W. Hunter Jr. Resigned.

Job. Miller, Carpenter 7 ward—vice G. Brinckerhoff, Resigned.

[207] Benjamin Sutton, grocer, Garrick St. 10 ward—vice John Seaman, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, stating that Hill and Ayres, the Contractors for filling in Dey Street Basin had not complied with their contract, and requesting the instructions of the Board—which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward, Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication suggesting an alteration in Bleecker Street—which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented a communication, stating the accidents which happened by persons leaving open the grates of Coal and Wood Vaults in the Streets, and recommending a remedy therefor—which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Franklin Street at the intersection of Provoost and Collect Streets, which was passed, and John Targee, Jacob C. Mott and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors.

[208] He also presented the following Assessments, which were

confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed the Collector in each: namely, for regulating and paving Franklin Street from Elm to Orange Street; for regulating Leonard Street from Orange to Elm Street, and for regulating Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson Street.

The Counsel presented a Grant of a Water Lot at Brooklyn to Peter Schermerhorn Junior, Ab. Schermerhorn and Austin L. Sands—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Thomas and Geo. Lovett, for payment for repairing the Wharf East side of Fulton Slip, Reported:

"That they have ascertained that the Petitioners were employed by Mr. Barnum, the Superintendant of Wharves and Piers appointed by this Board; it is therefore incumbent on the Corporation to pay the Messrs. Lovetts—but, as the property repaired belongs to Mr. Rogers, who (it is understood) refused to take any measures in the premises, the amount can and ought to be recovered of him—it is therefore proposed [209] that the Comptroller report at the next meeting a warrant in favour of T. and G. Lovett for One hundred and five dollars fifty cents, and that he immediately take the necessary steps to recover the same amount from the Owner of the property repaired."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reubent Munson
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward, on the Petition of Ezra Weeks, reported:

"That the Petitioner has erected in front of the City Hotel an iron railing upon a platform that had been standing for many years, nearly seven feet from the front of the Hotel upon Broadway between Thames and Cedar Streets being nearly two feet further in the Street than the Law permits—But considering that the Hotel is an establishment ornamental and reputable to the City—that the railing is low, not more than about five feet above the Street, leaving a wide walk—and that it is ornamental to the Street—Your Committee recommend that it be permitted to [210] remain as it is."

(sign'd) John B. Coles
" S. Jones Jr.

which report was approved.

The Alms House Committee, on the communications respecting the person at the Alms House put in a coffin before decease, reported in the following words:

"Richard Furman, Superintendant of the Alms House, states that on the 11th April Job Young a negro-man who had been about 6 months in the Alms House as a pauper died in sick ward No. 5; that said Young was under the charge of Mr. Stephen Brown House Surgeon; that on the day of his death information was brought to witness that a man was put into a coffin before dead, and upon going to the sick ward where the said Young lay the witness found that the orderly man of Ward No. 5 named Lewis Stephens had placed the body of the said Young into a coffin, nailed him up and removed the coffin into the entry-way, but it was discovered a few minutes afterwards that he moaned; and before witness arrived the body had been taken out and placed on a bed, where it lay gasp- [211] ing till the breath finally departed about an hour and a half afterwards. The witness farther states it was on Saturday 11th and the body was not interred till Monday 13th April.

"Stephen Brown House Surgeon states, that about ten days ago (viz. on the 11th April) Job Young a negro-man who had been sick about 3 days with Typhus Fever was put into a coffin by Stephens the orderly-man of sick ward No. 5, in the full belief that said Young was dead. Witness had ordered that Young should be removed from the Ward as soon as he was dead, because the Ward was crowded and the fever was of a malignant cast. The Negro had been insensible nearly 24 hours, had not spoken during that time, and he appeared to have breathed his last when put into the coffin. It was discovered by some of the patients that he still breathed after being put into the coffin and removed into the entry. When information of this was given, the body was instantly removed and placed again upon his bed where he expired about 2 hours afterwards.

"Lewis Stephens, orderly-man of Sick ward No. 5, states that he put the body of Job Young into a coffin with the help of Johnson another [212] black man. Witness thought that the man was dead when put into the coffin, and Dr. Brown had ordered him to remove the body from the ward as soon as the breath had left him. Johnson, as well as the witness, thought Young was dead when they put him in the coffin, nailed him up and removed him into the entry. Johnson has left the Alms House. Body was in the coffin nearly half an hour before discovered to be still alive. Never spoke after being taken out of the coffin, but breathed hard and gasped: lived about an hour &

an half after being taken out. Witness to be sure that Young was then dead, refused to touch the body till the House Surgeon was sent for and it was clearly ascertained that he was no more, when the witness again assisted in returning the body to the coffin and nailed it up.

" Doctor Benjamin A. Akerly, Visiting Surgeon, was at the Alms House on the 10th April inst: visited the surgical patients that day in company with Mr. Stephen Brown House Surgeon. In going the rounds thro' the sick wards saw in No. 5 Job Young who appeared to be [213] dying and therefore did not call for any medical prescription.

" Joseph Starry a Patient in the Alms House states, that on the 11th April while passing down stairs heard a groan and upon listening at the head of the coffin heard the groan repeated, upon which he gave information that the person in the coffin was yet alive. Others then came and with a hatchet opened the coffin while witness went down stairs. The person was a negro, and breathed and moaned after being taken out of the coffin and put upon a bed. How long he lived afterwards did not wait to learn.

" Patience Bartow, Nurse of No. 1—being called by Starry the preceding witness, went to the coffin in the entry and heard a groan. Immediately hastened down stairs and got a hatchet, and with Slatterly opened the coffin which contained a negro. He had his eyes fixed, he moaned but did not speak: was immediately removed to a bed where he lay about two hours before he died.

" Peter Slatterly states, that after Job Young was first put into the coffin witness was called, and on listening heard that he still breathed and moaned, and accordingly proceeded to open the coffin with the [214] hatchet procured by Patience Bartow. The negro in the coffin did not open his eyes nor speak, but frothed at the mouth, gasped and moaned, and was immediately removed from the coffin to a bed, where he lay insensible, but how long before he died witness did not call to enquire.

" Mr. Francis Cooper was on a visit to the Alms House on the 11th April last, in company with several ladies. In passing thro' that part of the Establishment where the above mentioned sick negro lay, saw the empty coffin in which he had been laid, and also saw the negro lying on the bed having been just taken from the coffin. The witness observed that the Negro was still alive, but insensible and with his eyes fixed. He left a lady praying with the negro, and waited

about half an hour, and then left the house. Witness further states that he saw the coffin when first taken into the house, and he thinks it was not more than half an hour when he again saw it in the entry after the Negro had been removed to the bed.

"The Committee had concluded to report the preceding state- [215] ment of facts without comment, but altho' they were only required to state the facts, they find the case requires the severe censure of the Board, and is too highly aggravated to be passed by without notice. The sum and substance of the enquiry is, that, on the 11th of April 1818, a negro man named Job Young sick at the Alms house was put into a coffin, nailed up and remained so nearly half an hour while yet alive, and that he lived almost two hours after being taken out.

"It appears to your Committee that the order given by the house surgeon was precipitate and too hastily complied with by the orderly man of the ward in which Young lay, but this haste was occasioned in the negro by the alarm excited in stating that the disease was of a malignant character. Why there should have been any thing alarming in a simple case of Typhus Fever does not appear, for there was no prevailing sickness of the kind in the Alms house at the time, nor any other epidemic disease, and the season was cool and comfortable.

"It also appears to the Committee that the question of life or death in a human being should not be left to the decision of an ignorant negro, as the symptoms of death are generally not well understood and are sometimes equivocal. Hence the common practice of letting [216] our deceased friends lie on a bier or in an open coffin till the moment of removal for interment, when all become satisfied that the vital spirit hath fled. This practice should not be departed from in a public institution like the Alms house. Wherefore to prevent a similar occurrence for the future, the Committee beg leave to propose as part of this Report

"1. That it hereafter be the duty of the House Physician & House Surgeon to the Alms house to examine every person reported to be dead, to ascertain the fact and decide thereon, and thereupon to order the corpse to be conveyed to the Dead House.

"2. That if there be no dead-house attached to the hospitals of the Alms house, the Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to have one built within the walls of the Establishment.

"3. That after conveying a corpse to the dead house, the coffin

shall not be nailed, screwed or fastened up until the moment of removal for interment."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Geo. B. Thorp

which was approved, and the Resolu- [217] tions proposed were agreed to.

The Market Committee, on the Petition of Henry Pessinger for Stall No. 35 in Catharine Market, reported in his favor and that a License issue to him for the same—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the Petition of George W. Varian for Stall no. 13 Catharine Market, reported in his favor and that a License be granted to him for the same—which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Noah Jarvis, Reported:

" That they have considered the same—they find it has been attended with a variety of expences not usual in ordinary cases and much time has and will yet be consumed in the collection and final adjustment of it. It is therefore proposed that he be allowed to retain two and an half per cent out of the monies collected, as a compensation for his services & for all expences he may have been at of every kind relating to this assessment—The said 2½ per cent to be estimated on those accounts adjusted by set-off as well as on monies actually received."

(sign'd) T. R. Smith—Stephen Allen
" R. Munson—Leonard Kip.

which Report was approved.

[218] Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution—which was agreed to:

" Whereas the Board did on the 13th March 1817 agree to sell a certain piece of ground at the Albany Basin; and whereas the said sale was afterwards postponed in consequence of a claim set up to part of the said ground by Robert R. Hunter

Therefore—Resolved—that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be empowered to take such steps as in their opinion may be for the public interest for quieting the said claim, in order that the wishes of the Board may be carried into effect."

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution directing the sum of Three hundred dollars to be paid to the Reverend John Stanford for his clerical services at the Alms house, Bridewell and Penitentiary dur-

ing the past year—which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

Ordered—that a Warrant be reported for Two hundred and Sixty three dollars in favor of Abraham Stagg on account of his Contract for regulating and paving Orange Street—which was passed.

[219] The Report on Hackney Carriages was called up and read. Alderman Smith moved to strike out the first section, for the purpose of introducing a Section as an Amendment. The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative. He then proposed the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Hackney Coaches be permitted hereafter to stand in the crown or centre of those streets which are at least Sixty feet wide, at such distances as shall be pointed out by the Street Commissioner."

Mr. Allen then proposed the following Resolution, which was agreed to:—

"Resolved—that hereafter each and every driver of a Hackney Carriage shall receive a License as such from the Mayor: and if any owner of a Hackney Carriage shall, after the Third Monday of May instant employ any person as a Driver of his Hackney Carriage, without having first obtained a License from the Mayor for such person as a driver of a Hackney Carriage, he shall, for each and every time such person shall drive his carriage forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars."

Mr. V^{n} Amringe then moved the following, which was agreed to:

"Resolved—that every Hackman licensed as a Driver shall for every [220] such License pay One Dollar."

Mr. Allen then moved, that the Residue of the Report of the Committee be stricken out—which was agreed to. The Counsel was then directed to report an Ordinance agreeably to said Resolutions.

A member stating that he had something to communicate which required secrecy, the Lobby was cleared and the

Doors Closed.

The Street Committee and Counsel of the Board, to whom had been referred on 13th April last a Report of the Comptroller relative to a Contract for the Street Manure, reported:

"That they have had a conference with Messrs. Hitchcocks on the nature of the Law to be passed by the Corporation and the Contract to be entered into by them.

"It appears to the Committee, that the Contractors formed their calculations different in some measure from that contemplated by the

members of the Committee: and under all circumstances, considering the price offered, the arduous duties to be performed, the convenience to the citizens from the adoption of the new mode of cleaning the Streets, and the expences which will accrue to the [221] Contractors by a faithful discharge of their duties, they would recommend to the Board, that a deduction be made of Twelve hundred dollars, leaving the amount to be paid 8500 dollars per annum. They would also recommend that the Street Commissioner be authorized to accommodate the Contractors with a suitable place or places, (provided such place can be furnished without expence or inconvenience to the public) for the Deposit of Street Manure only, from time to time, where he thinks will be suitable."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" Ogden Edwards
" Leonard Kip
" John Remmey.

which Report was agreed to.

The Counsel then presented a Law entitled " A Law to amend a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York "—which was passed—and the publication thereof was directed to be delayed until the 3d Monday in May inst.

The Counsel also presented the draught of a Contract with the Messrs. Hitchcocks on the subject of the Street Manure, which was directed to be duly executed, and the Counsel was instructed to attend to the execution of the Contract on the part of the Messrs. Hitchcocks.

[222] It was then Resolved, that, when the Board adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 10 o'clock—and the Clerk was directed to procure from the Clerk of the City and County a Return of the Members and Officers elected at the last Charter Election, and give them notice to appear in the Common Council Chamber on Monday next at 12 o'clock to take the oaths prescribed by Law and the Charter. It was also Resolved that the Board will make the quarterly visitation of the Bellevue Establishment on Monday next at One o'clock.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 27. Apr	221.72	
Recd for Tax 1817. 3d ward	4500.00	
" " Common Lands	1411.74	
" " Third Avenue	144. 2	
" " Canal Street	500.00	
" " Streets	100.00	6877.48

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 district	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd, Watch 2 district	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3 district	413.00	
[223] Ogden Edwards, Counsel of Board—1 qr's Salary 27 February	125.00	
W. J. Waldron, Assᵗ City Inspect. 1 mo. 1 inst. and expences	54.00	
Obadiah Ayres—Assᵗ City Insp—1 mo. 1 inst. and expences	58.39	
Geo. Mills—Assᵗ City Inspec. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Ben. Hicks—Assᵗ City Insp. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Jonath. Weeden, Street Inspec. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Sam. Hutchings—Street Inspec. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Astin & Cochran, Messengers. 1 mo. 1 inst	60.00	
Dan. H. Magee—Keepʳ Potter's Fᵈ 1 mo. 1 inst	45.00	
Rich. Furman—Supᵗ Alms house	2000.00	
Abrᵐ Stagg—pav. Orange St. ordered at the Board	263.00	5027.14
Balance		$=1850.34

Adjourned to Monday next, 10 o'clock A. M.

[224] In Common Council May 11. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Geo. B. Thorp	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	William Stone
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thos. R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robt. McQueen	
Geo. Buckmaster	
Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Counsel, agreeably to the reference to him, presented a Law to amend the Law regulating Hackney Coaches & Carriages, which was read by paragraphs, amended and passed.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn, Samuel A. Lawrence and William Edgar, reported:

"That they have consulted the Street Commissioner on the within application—do recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be grant- [225] ed to extend their Piers Nos. 9 and 11 into the Hudson

River as far as No. 12 belonging to the Corporation, under the direction of the Street Commissioner."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes

which was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the Representation of the Street Commissioner relative to the danger of leaving open the grates of Vaults, reported, as follows:

"Your Committee are sensible of the existing evil, and in order to prevent it they recommend the adoption of the simple contrivance as proposed by the Street Commissioner, and in order to carry the same into effect, they propose that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare the draft of an Ordinance to that purpose."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey

which was approved, and the Counsel was directed to report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

The Street Committee, Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward and Street Commissioner, on the report of the Street Commissioner relative to Hill & Ayres' Contract for filling in Dey Street Basin, reported:

"That they have viewed the [226] premises aforesaid. Altho' the Contractor has not fulfilled his engagements to the Corporation agreeable to his Contract—The Committee under all the circumstances, with due consideration, believe nearly one half of the aforesaid basin is filled in—do recommend that the Contractor have an extension of time to the 1st of August and that a warrant be reported for One thousand dollars on account thereof, at the next meeting of the Board."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey

which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported accordingly.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Mott and Williams in behalf of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, presented a report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition to have the Main Sewer in Maiden Lane cleansed, reported:

"That on trial being made it has been found that the Main Drain in Maiden Lane is obstructed, between William Street and [227]

the outlet at Fly Market. He would therefore recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to cause said Drain to be opened and cleansed, and that the enclosed Ordinance be passed for that purpose."

(sign'd) John M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved: the Ordinance presented was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors therein.

The Comptroller presented a statement of the Accounts of the Corporation for the last year—which was laid on the Table.

The Counsel presented a Lease for Two Lots of land in the 9th Ward to William A. Hardenbrook—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented the Contracts for the Street Manure with the Messrs. Hitchcocks, agreeably to the terms of their proposal—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel reported.

"That in consequence of the maps of the ground to be taken for the purpose of improving Dover & Oliver [228] Streets and also of the ground contiguous to the New Alms' house, not being prepared in season, that the petitions for those improvements are not ready to lay before the Board.

As the Supreme Court is now sitting, and it will not be regular to present petitions after the present week, he recommends that an order should be made for executing the petitions during the Recess of the Board."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards

which was approved, and the Petitions directed to be authenticated in the Recess of the Board.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

Jno. J. Astor David Clark	Own. Lessee.	Washington St.		Lot.
Ben. Armitage,	Own. & Occ.	54	Pine St.	Privy
James Black E. Davis	Own. Occ.	43	Ferry St.	do
J. Bronson M. Fuller	Own. Occ.	112	Chamber St.	do.

J. Robinson M. Peterson	Own. Occ.	151	Chamber St.	Privy
G. Walton J. Harris	Own. Occ.	166	Fly Market	do
J. Haviland,	Own. & Occ.	123	Water St	do
D. Sullivan J. Purdy	Own. Occ.	127	do	do
[229] Robert Spier M. Newton	Own. Occ.	145	do	do
T. Reynolds J. Hemming	Own. Occ.	147	do	do
G. Haight H. Stafford	Own. Occ.	151	do	do
Jno. Tait,	Own. or Les. & Occ.	169	do	do
Josiah Williams,	Own. & Occ.	171	do	do
G. Walton G. Duryee	Own. Occ.	75	South St	do
J. Hackhurst J. Burling	Own. Occ.	173	Water St.	do
L. Moore J. Turner	Own. Occ.	205	do	do
L. Moore J. P. Haff	Own Occ.	205½	do	do
S[l] Gorham	Own. & Occ	211	do	do
J. Coddington J. Dunn	Own. Occ.	213	do	do
Caleb Pell,	Own. or Les. & Occ.	219	do	do
P. R. Livingston N. Miller	Own. Occ.	219½	do	do
S. W. Disbrow W. H. Featherston	Own. Occ.	227	do	do
A. Wright N. Mills	Own. Occ.	229	do	do
A. Byvank S. Pier	Own. Occ.	233	do	do
A. Byvank M. Ryder	Own. Occ.	235	do	do
Bogert & Kneeland, J. Wood	Own. Occ.	235½	do	do
W. Donovan	Own. & Occ.	249	do	do

[230] G. Ellison J. Gould	Own. Occ.	245 Water St.	Privy
James Rickets William Palmer,	Own. Agt.	213 Spring St.	Lot

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for opening, cleansing and repairing the Drain on the Easterly Side of Broad Street, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well in White Street near Broadway—which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported that two of the Assessors appointed in the Ordinance of the 27th May 1816 for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street have declined acting, and therefore recommended that John Targee and Jacob C. Mott be appointed Assessors in their place with Abraham Bloodgood the former Assessor—which was approved, and an Ordinance passed appointing John Targee and Jacob C. Mott accordingly.

[231] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others, presented a report, which was read & laid for consideration.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution directing the Superintendant of the Alms house to pay as heretofore the Overseers of the convicts —which was read and laid for consideration.

Mr. Alderman Smith presented a Resolution referring it to the Committee on Offices to assign to Chief Justice Thompson who has recently removed to this City a Room in the Hall for the transaction of business relating to his official duties, if such room can be procured—which resolution was read and agreed to.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board a Return which he had received from Benjamin Ferris Clerk of the City and County of New York, which Return was in the words following:

"By the returns filed in my office it appears that, at the late elec-
"tion of Charter officers for this City, the persons herein after named
"were elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective names:

[232] Ward	Person	Office.
First	Peter Mesier	Alderman
	Thomas Bolton	Assistant
	Samuel McCoun	Assessors
	Jno. V. B. Varick	
	Danl J. Ebbits	Collector
	Robert Graham	Constables
	Peter Hojer	
Second	Elisha W. King	Alderman
	Samuel Stevens	Assistant
	Abraham Valentine	Assessors
	William W. Fox	
	Henry W. Peckwell	Collector
	John C. Gillen	Constables
	Jas. G. Rhodes	
Third	Anth. L. Underhill	Alderman
	Leonard Kip	Assistant.
	Nathl C. Griffiths	Assessors
	Hermanus Tallman	
	Francis V. Many	Collector
	Elijah Fountain	Constables
	Oliver A. White	
Fourth	W. F. Van Amringe	Alderman
	John P. Anthony	Assistant
	Lewis Hartman	Assessors
	Peter Bonnet	
	Adolph L. Degrove	Collector
	James G. Finn	Constables
	Rufus Seely	
Fifth [233]	John Morss	Alderman
	Jno. J. Westervelt	Assistant
	George Sutton	Assessors
	Richard Kidney	
	William Berrian	Collector
	John Striker	Constables
	John M. Lester	
Sixth	Robert McQueen	Alderman
	Shivers Parker	Assistant
	Alexander Clark	Assessors
	Abraham Baudouine	
	Thomas Mooney	Collector
	Dennis Dougherty	Constables
	Bernard R. Kelly	
Seventh	George Buckmaster	Alderman
	Samuel Akerly	Assistant
	Jamieson Cox	Assessors
	David Lyon	
	Morris Oakley	Collector
	Robert Phillips	Constables
	Azel Conklin	

Eighth	Jacob B. Taylor	Alderman	
	David Board	Assistant	
	Isaac Emmons	Assessors	
	Nich[s] Schureman		
	Moses Cunningham	Collector	
	Samuel Y. Clark	Constables	
	John W. Kern		
Ninth	George B. Thorp	Alderman	
	Effing[m] Schieffelin	Assistant	
	John Adriance	Assessors	
	Jos. Willoughby		
	Isaac L. Varian	Collector	
	Joseph Madden	Constables	
	John Connover		
[234] Tenth	Reuben Munson	Alderman	
	Stephen Allen	Assistant	
	Walter Howell	Assessors	
	Jonathan Brown		
	John Palmer	Collector	
	Henry G. Disbrow	Constables	
	John Varick		

This being the day assigned by law for the newly elected Officers to be sworn into office, the above named persons attended in the Common Council Chamber and there in the presence of the Common Council took *and prescribed the presented* [the Oaths prescribed] by the Charter and Laws, the same being administered by the Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor of the City & President of the Common Council.

The oaths of office having been administered to the newly elected officers, the Board was again formed by the following Members, and the following business was transacted.

The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Joseph Board.
[235] Jacob B. Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to a consideration of the Rules and Orders for the transaction of business at the Meetings of the Common Council, when the following were adopted:

Rules and Orders
of the
Common Council
of the
City of New York.
Passed May 11. 1818.

1. Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the chair as President, and the members be called to order.

2. Immediately after the President shall have taken the chair, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Board.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4. The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote, and no more.

5. Every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and address himself to [236] the President.

6. When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

7. No Member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member, chusing to speak shall have spoken.

8. No question on a motion shall be debated or put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

9. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussion or amendment.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless

1. To amend it.
2. To commit it,
3. To postpone it,
4. For the previous question, or
5. To adjourn.

11. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments [237] and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—"Shall the main question now be put?"

13. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

14. A member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

16. Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question shall be entered upon the minutes, if any two members require it.

17. In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the Minutes the name of the member calling for the division.

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same meeting or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be [238] reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board.

20. No member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

21. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

22. The Standing Committees shall be as follows:—

1. Alms House,
2. Applications,
3. Assessments,
4. Arts and Sciences,
5. Canal,
6. Charity,
7. Defence,
8. Ferries,
9. Finance,
10. Fire Department,
11. Lamps,
12. Laws,
13. Markets,
14. Police,
15. Public Lands and Places,
16. Public Offices,
17. Repairs,
18. Roads,
19. Streets,
20. Sunday Laws,

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21. Watch,
22. Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Those on Applications, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, Sunday Laws, Public Offices, Charity and Defence shall consist of three, and the others of five." By the Common Council,

(sign'd) Jacob Morton, Clerk.

And it was directed to be referred to the Clerk of the Common Council to cause the said Rules, as also the names of the Members of the Committee and of the Officers, together with their places of residence to be printed in a Pamphlet form for the use of the Members of the Board.

Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Resolved, that the Board appoint two persons to supply the Vacancies in the Special Committee on the Streets in the Village of Greenwich and that the said Committee consider and report on this subject."

which was approved, and the Mayor declining to nominate the Committee, the Board nominated and appointed Alderman Morss and Alderman King to supply the places of Alderman Burtis and Mr. Jones, who cease to be members of the Common Council.

He also presented a Resolution on subject of a room for Chief Justice Thompson, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[240] The Comptroller reported.

Balance in Treasury 4 ins	$1850.34	
Recd for Tax 1817—2d & 6 wards	5000.00	
" " Common Lands	569.25	
" " Streets	900.00	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.00	= 8419.59

Accounts Audited.

Jacob Morton, Clerk, 1 qr. Saly 1 ins	312.50
Richard Furman, Supt Alms H. & officers 1 qr 1 inst	625.00
Will. Hoghland, Keepr Penitenty and 3 assts 1 qr 1 inst	587.50
G. Sickels, Keeper City Prison and 2 assts 1 qr 1 inst	350.00

Accts. Attending Sessions Viz.

J. B. Coles Esqr.	12	days	February	48.00
J. W. Brackett	12	"	do	48.00
A. L. Underhill	36	"	March, Apr. May	144.00
E. Holmes	12	"	March	48.00
T. R. Smith	12	"	April	48.00
G. Buckmaster	12	"	January	48.00
A. Burtis	12	"	May	48.00
R. Munson	12	"	January	48.00

Thos. P. Low, printing Corporation, 1 qr. to 1 inst	201.25
John Fine, Carriage Hire for Road Committee	37.00

Rev. Jno. Stanford, clericl services at Alms H. &c. last year	300.00	
Hen. Underhill, engrossg Laws & Ordinances of Corporation	50.00	
[241] Ja. W. Lent, Inspectrs & Clerks electn 1 ward	52.00	
Jonath. Thompson, Insp. & Clks Election 2 ward	52.00	
Wm H. Ireland, Insp. & Clks. Electn 3 ward	68.00	
Benj. Crane—Insp. & Clks. Elect. 4 ward	60.00	
Thos. J. Campbell—Insp. & Clks. Elec. 5 ward	68.00	
Rich. S. Waldron—Insp. & Clks. Elec. 6 ward	60.00	
Benjam. Prince—Insprs & Clks. Elec. 7 ward	60.00	
Sam. M. Thompson—Insps & Clks. Elec. 8 ward	68.00	
Oliver Hibberd—Insps & Clks. Elec. 9 ward	60.00	
John Drake—Insps & Clks. Elec. 10 ward	60.00	
B. Oblenis—to pay Convs prisrs to Prison. 6 mo. 1 inst.	210.93	
Josiah Hedden, Spl Justice—Saly 2 mo. 27 April	125.00	
N. Comstock, 15 casks Oil	971. 8	
M. Crosby 15 do do	935.36	
Dan. Biggs—work at Lamp Posts—1 qr. to 1 inst	27.93	
T. & G. Lovett—repg whf. E. side Fulton Slip	105.56	
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St.	100.00	
[242] Peter Parsells, regg Streets in Greenwich Village	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, flagg & paving at Duane Market	468.13	
Tucker & Mabie, repg Drain in Broad St	69.50	
Jno. Gallagher, balce Well, Perry St	63.45	
Hays Pennel, fixtures cistern at St. Stephen's Church	7.50	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for reprs	400.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs, for reprs. to Docks & Slips	250.00	=7485.69
Balance		$=933.90

The Board then adjourned to the usual hour and place and proceeded, agreeably to the Resolution of the last Meeting, to visit the Establishment at Bellevue.

[243] In Common Council May 18, 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Joseph Board.
Geo. Buckmaster	
Jacob B. Taylor	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the following list of the Standing Committee for the present year, which agreeably to the Rules of the Common Council he had appointed:

Standing Committees

Appointed in Common Council,

May 18, 1818.

1. Alms House	Aldermen Munson " Morss " Thorp Messieurs Westervelt " Akerly.
[244] 2. Applications	Messrs. Board " Kip " Schieffelin
3. Assessments	Messrs. Westervelt " Anthony " Bolton Alderman King Mr Parker
[4.] Arts and Sciences	Mr Akerly Aldermen Morss " Taylor " Mesier " King.
5. Canal	Aldermen Morss " Taylor " Underhill Messrs. Parker " Schieffelin
6. Charity	Messrs. Parker " Bolton " Board
7. Defence	Messrs. Kip " Stevens Alderman King
8. Ferries	Alderman King " Buckmaster Mr Anthony.
9. Finance	Mr Allen Aldermen Munson " Van Amringe " Mesier Mr Akerly.

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10. Fire Department.....
Mr Anthony
Aldermen McQueen
" Underhill

11. Lamps .....
Aldermen Munson
" Van Amringe
Mr Anthony

12. Laws .....
Aldermen Van Amringe
" King
Mr Bolton

13. Markets .....
Alderman Buckmaster
Mr Allen
Aldermen Underhill
" Mesier
Mr Westervelt

14. Police .....
Messrs Bolton
" Allen
Alderman Thorp
Messrs. Stevens
" Kip

15. Public Offices .....
Messrs. Stevens
" Allen
" Akerly.

16. Public lands & places.....
Aldermen Mesier
" Taylor
" McQueen
Messrs. Parker
" Schieffelin

17. Repairs .....
Aldermen Thorp
" Van Amringe
Mr Kip

18. Roads .....
Aldermen Munson
" Van Amringe
" Thorp
Messrs. Board
" Schieffelin

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19. Streets .....
Aldermen Taylor
" Morss
Messrs. Akerly
" Kip
" Parker

20. Sunday Laws .....
Aldermen McQueen
" Munson
Mr Bolton

21. Watch	Alderman Buckmaster Mr Stevens Alderman Taylor Messrs. Board " Westervelt.
22. Wharves, Piers & Slips....	Aldermen Underhill " Buckmaster Mr Allen Alderman McQueen Mr Stevens

(sign'd) J. Morton
Clerk.

A further Petition of Peter R. Pearsall for appointment of City Weigher and a Petition of John T. Lacy for the appointment of Inspector of Lumber, of John Lace for the appointment of Inspector of Bread, and of Andrew McCready and of John Van Wart for some public employment—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications: viz. Messrs. Board, Kip, Schieffelin.

[247] Petitions for a Well and Pump in Rivington near Chrystie Street and for one at the corner of Grand and Cannon Streets, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of Hugh Gallagher for remission of fine for taking a load of sods out of the 2d Avenue, was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Petition that the Sewer in Maiden Lane may not be opened, as it is unnecessary to cleanse it, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to act as he should judge expedient.

The following communication was received from D. S. Jones Esquire, which was referred to the Comptroller with directions to report a Warrant for Two hundred dollars for payment of the Counsel fees in said case:

" The late Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Common Council that the Ejectment Suit which was commenced by George Peck in the Supreme Court of this State at the January Term of that Court in 1813 to recover a portion of the Alms House Yard at the corner of Chamber [248] and Cross Streets has ended in a judgment in favor of the Corporation at the present May term of the Supreme Court.

" The Subscriber begs leave to state to the Common Council that Samuel Jones Jr. Esquire was associated with him as Counsel for

the Corporation in this cause by the Committee to whom the subject was committed in 1813—Mr. Brinckerhoff and Mr. Emmet being retained with Mr. Bogardus as Counsel for the Plaintiff—that the cause was warmly contested, the Trial at the Sittings having occupied Two days, and a very long and special case made for argument before the Supreme Court—and that no Counsel fees have yet been paid by the Corporation, either for the trial of the cause or the preparation for the Argument before the Court."

Respectfully submitted

May 9. 1818. (sign'd) D. S. Jones.

A Petition of Richard G. Ryder for License as a Butcher for the Town of Harlaem in the 9th ward, was read and granted.

A Petition of Benjamin Williamson to be relieved from a Judgment [249] recovered against him for encumbering the Street, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg for payment of a Balance due him on the assessment for regulating and paving Orange and Mulberry Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Joseph Graff, stating that he had a License for Stall No. 23 Washington Market for a number of years—that he lately engaged with Charles Gillman to sell meat on said Stall in partnership, and that said Gillman has lately renewed the Licenses in his own name without the consent of Petitioner—and thereon praying relief; was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Hyde for Stall No. 19 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Bruff, stating that he had completed a Model of the machinery for mechanical Chimney Sweeping, and praying an examination of the same, was referred. to the former Committee on that subject with the addition of Aldermen Morss & Taylor in place of [250] Alderman Holmes and Mr. Remmey no longer members of the Board.

A Petition of M. Ditmis, complaining of the situation of Lots in the vicinity of property owned by him in Leonard Street near Orange Street—was read and referred to the City Inspector.

Petitions, of Robert McGill for permission to construct a Vault in Chamber Street; of William Roe for a Vault in Murray Street; and of Daniel Boardman for a Vault in Warren Street—were read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that Broadway may be paved and the side walk flagged from Bleecker Street to Art Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of this City and of New Jersey, that Hoboken Ferry may be removed from Murray Street to Vesey Street—and a Letter from Robert Swartwout as Agent for Philip Hone joining in said request—were read and, together [251] with other papers referred to the former Ferry Committee and not reported on, were now referred to the Ferry Committee appointed at this Session of the Board.

A Letter from H. and G. Barclay, offering to the Common Council for the purpose of facing the Bridewell and Gaol the Composition called " Parker's Roman Cement," was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Communication, on behalf of the Assessors of the several Wards, objecting against the Assessment Books as prepared lately under the direction of a Committee of the Common Council, as being inconvenient, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments, with authority to give such direction in the Premises as they shall judge expedient.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that Greenwich Street may be regulated from Bank Street to 13th Street, the Curb-Stone laid and the side-walks gravelled: and a petition that the Curb Stone may be laid in Washington Street from Le Roy Street to Hammond Street—were read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Jacob Rabineau, praying [252] for the use of the Waters at the foot of Murray Street to place there his Salt Water Floating Bath on such terms as should be deemed just and equitable—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that the Side walks of Elizabeth St. between Hester and Broome Streets may be paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Samuel Littlefield to be appointed Superintendant of Repairs of Docks and Wharves, was read and referred to the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Complaint of D. Whitehead against the conduct of the Officers of the Street Commissioner's Department, was read and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his communication

A Request of John Hull and of sundry Inhabitants, that a small

shed erected by said Hull at No. 84 Bowery Lane near Broome Street over his shop door and. window may be permitted to remain—was read and [253] referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with directions to report thereon.

A Petition of John Magrath for permission to sell Oranges and other fruit in the Street, was read & leave given to withdraw the petition.

A Petition of Isaac Adriance, that the Corporation would take measures for closing the old road between 125th Street and Harlaem Bridge, as the same is useless since opening said Street and the 3d Avenue, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that sundry Lots said to belong to Jno. Stockholm fronting on Little Water Street in the Sixth Ward may be ordered to be filled up and enclosed in fence, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 6th Ward & City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Canal Street, and a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented a report on the petition of B. U. Coles, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner.

[254] The following persons were appointed Firemen (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

F. F. Valentine, grocer, 29 Leonard St. 5 ward, vice C. Dederer Jr. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

Steph. H. Herrick, grocer, 41 Beaver St. 1 ward, an additional member.

"Fire Engine Company No. 10."

Jos. Richard, doctor, Spring c. Bowery, 8 ward, vice Jac. Downing, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 24."

Jac. Duryea, Cabinet Mr, 30 Gold St. 2 ward, vice Hen. Thomas, Resigned

Dav. Woods, grocer, 3 Fulton St. 2 ward, vice Thos. Constantine, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 27."

Randolf Lowery, Meat-packer, 427 Greenwich St. 5 ward, vice Abraham Taylor, Resigned.

" Fire Engine Company No. 30."

Willett Worshburn, Cartman, Eldridge n. Stanton, 10 w^{d} vice John Brewer, Resigned.

Jac. Westerfield, Rope M^{r}, Orchard n. Stanton, 10 w^{d} vice Gilbert Platt, Moved.

Martin Flock, Rope M^{r}, Broome n. Elliott, 8 w^{d} vice Geo. Crawford, Moved.

[255] " Fire Engine Company, No. 36."

Jos. Conklin Jr. Bricklayer, 527 Greenwich St. 8 ward vice Christ^{r} Heiser, Resigned.

Isaac Marshall, Carpenter, Watts n. Sullivan, 8 w^{d} vice Abraham Acker, Resigned.

Elkana Mead, Cartman, 56 Spring St. 8 ward vice John Beby, Resigned.

Alex^{r} Jerolliman, Butcher, 474 Greenwich St. 8 w^{d} vice Ben. Chrisey, Expelled.

" Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Isaac Skaats, Cartman, Broome c. Forsythe, 10 ward, vice William Mallet, Resigned.

" Fire Engine Company No. 41."

Henry Crumb, Carpenter, Delancey n. Attorney, 10 ward, vice Alexander Stewart, Resigned.

Truman Bartholomew, Carpenter, Cannon n. Delancey, 10 w^{d} vice Cornelius Williams, Resigned.

" Fire Wardens of the 2^{d} Ward."

Jacob Drake, Grocer, 79 Beekman St. 2 ward, vice Isaac Wright, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following nuisances:

J^{h} Smith	Own.	2 Crane wharf		Lot.
D^{d} Smith	Occ.			
Miller & Baker	Own.	Canal		
Chs. De Bevoise	do	fronts on Vestry	Sts.	Lots.
Will. Westerfield	do	Thompson		
Widow Smith, Exec^{x} A. Smith		Leonard St.		do.
[256] And^{w} Stockholm	Agt.	Anthony St.		do
Moses Field	Own.	do		do
Mat. L. Davis	do	Little Water St.		do
Edm^{d} Kirby	do	Leonard St.		do

Jno. R. Livingston	Own.		Little Water St.	Lot.
Will. Van Tassel	Own.	7	Van Damme St.	Privy
Abr. Jacobs	Occ.			
Rich. S. Clark,	Own. & Occ.	17	Beaver St.	do
T. Stevenson	Own.	30	Broad St.	do
W. Van Wyck	Occ.			
Mrs. Kane	Own.	15	Water St.	do
A. Patterson	Occ.			
W. Nixen,	Own. & Occ.	87	Gold St.	do
Mr. Gibbs	Own.	96	do	do
Dav. Tallman	Occ.			
Dan. Tooker	Own.	98	do	do
Pet. G. Hart	Occ.			
Dan. Tooker	Own.	100	do	do
W. Van Amringe	Occ.			
Dan. Tooker	Own.	102	do	do
H. McCormick	Occ.			
Mr. Ortley	Own.	106	do	do
M. Van Horn	Occ.			
M[l] Ortley	Own.	108	do	do
Robt. Mitchell	Occ.			
Pet. Lorillard	Own.	12	Frankfort St.	do
Tobias Green	Occ.			
Mr. Carlisle	Own.	17	do	do
Will. Wilton	Occ.			
Dan. Burger	Own.	31	do	do
Geo. Gilpin	Occ.			
Dan Burger	Own.	33	do	do
Peter Roome	Occ.			
[257] Charles Miller	Own & Occ.	51.	do	do
Ann Warner	Own.	58	do	do
Morris Shipley	Own. & Occ.	59	do	do
Ann Warner	do. do	60	do	do
Will. Meyers	do do	70	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel informed the Board that the Reports of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening Roosevelt, Cross and Spring Streets, and for opening and extending Fourth and Henry

Streets were confirmed by the Supreme Court—whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector of the Assessment for Roosevelt and Fourth Streets, and Noah Jarvis Collector of Cross, Henry and Spring Streets.

He also presented a Deed to George Lorillard for Lot No. 21 Collect Lots—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Abraham S. Hallett, reported:

"That as there is not room on the Lot for a Cistern—he would recommend that Mr. Hallett be permitted to build a Cistern in front of his Gangway between his two houses, provided it is constructed of stone or brick, and that the Mouth be placed within the [258] Gang way."

Respectfully submitted

(sign'd) John McComb
Street Commissioner

which Report was approved.

The Report of the Comptroller of the Accounts of the Corporation, and designating the sources of Revenue belonging to them, which was presented at the last meeting was referred to the Committee of Finance with authority to cause to be printed such parts of them and in such form as they shall judge expedient.

Mr. Stevens presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved, that the Clerk of the Board supply such of the new members, as have not heretofore been supplied, with a map of the City & County of New York, and the Laws of the State, and the Ordinances of this Corporation: And that the Superintendant of Repairs supply the new members with the usual Staves of Office."

Resolved, that Broom Street be numbered under the direction of the Street Committee: (Taylor, Morss, Akerly, Kip, Parker.)

[259] Mr. King presented the following:

"Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed with authority to cause a complete Index to be made of the Records of Deeds and Mortgages in the office of Register of this City, in such form as the said Committee may deem most expedient: and that such allowance be made to the person or persons who shall perform the service as the said Committee shall determine to be reasonable."

which resolution was agreed to, and a Committee appointed of, Alderman King Van Amringe Taylor Messrs Bolton Board.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in the Treasury on the 11th instant	933.90	
Recd for Mayoralty fees	228.25	
" " Tavern Licenses	4112.00	
" " Rents	4903.74	
" " Wells & Pumps	210.00	
" " Streets	6900.00	
" " Tax of 1817—2 & 6 wards	2200.00	
" " Commutn Alien passgrs	55.00	19,542.89

[260] Accounts Audited.

Watch.

Anderson & Walton, 1 district	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, 2 do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower 3 do	413.00
G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller—1 qr. salary—15 inst	500.00
Jonath. Pinckey, City Intendt 1 qr. 19 inst	250.00
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. 1 qr. 14 inst	225.00
Joseph Varick, Bread Inspect. 1 qr. 17 inst	96.75
Jno. Burger, regg public clocks, 1 qr. 1 inst	66.66
Jno. Sidell, 1st Marshall, to pay officers attending Polls	230.00
O. Edwards, Counsel, drafting sundry Laws &c	168.00
Amos Corning, 2 Maps Canal St. approved by Canal Committee	160.00
Jac. Hays, Apprehending Geo. Foote Nov. last, ordd by Police Comee	50.00
Jesse Dowe, Carriage hire March 12 and May 11	33.00
Rich. Buchan, Lists passengers 6 mo 1 inst	25.00
Sam. Stillwell, 1 year rent, Lot for Engine, 19 Chrystie St. 1 ins	20.00
Leml Richardson, 1 year rent, Lot for Engine, 30 Rivington St	15.00
[261] Jno. McComb, S. C. repairg Roads	500.00
Geo. Charlton, Well, White St	59.37
Caleb Felch do Columbia St	45.88
Hill & Ayres, fillg Dey St. Basin ordered 11 inst	1000.00
Higgins & Parks, 3d instalment. fillg Water-lots at Crane Whf.	900.00
Jno. Sloan, regg Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson St	100.00
Thos. Scott, balce pavg Orange St. from Pump to Hester St.	139.58
Jno. Stanley, regg Anthony St	351.90
Jno. Culbert, bal. pavg Oliver St	149.57
Pet. De Baun, regg Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St	3000.00

Will. Willersey, Awd Bancker St		2500.00	
Execrs Este Jno. Dixon	do	1450.00	
Thos. Collins	do.	1450.00	
Isaac Halsey	do	1268.50	
Jno. Turney	do	600.00	
Pet. Ogilvie	do	508.50	
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms H		1000.00	=19,076.46
		Balance	$=466.43

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[262] In Common Council May 23. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Jno. P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had called the Board together at the request of several members for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of the public Slips or Basins to be formed at the foot of Roosevelt & Oliver Streets.

Mr. Allen, after some prefatory observations, presented the following Resolution:

"Whereas by an event lately transpired it has been ascertained that the occupation of the waters between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street, and also the waters between Oliver Street and Catharine Street as public slips will [263] cost the Corporation a much larger sum than what was anticipated, therefore

"Resolved—that the Counsel be directed to apply to the Court to stay all proceedings on the subject of occupying said waters until the further order of the Board.

"Resolved—that the subject be referred to a Committee to devise and report a plan which under all the circumstances shall be most conducive to public utility, and at the same time least burthensome on the finances of the City."

Alderman Van Amringe moved as an amendment that the following be inserted after the word occupying "the waters west of a line to be drawn from the westerly line of the property of John Clark." The question being taken thereon, and a Division being called by Alderman Van Amringe, it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Mesier Morss McQueen Buckmaster Messrs Bolton Stevens Westervelt Parker Board Allen 10

Affirmative. Aldermen King Underhill Van Amringe Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Akerly 8

[264] The question was then taken on the Resolution and agreed to: and it was referred to the Committee of Wharves, and the Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth Ward to report thereon. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, the Counsel was instructed, in case the Court should not suspend the proceedings, to apply to vacate them and discharge the Jury.

The following was presented by Mr. Stevens and agreed to:

"Resolved—that the Rules of the Corporation and the Names of the Members, the Standing Committees, the Officers of the Board, and of the Departments be published by the Clerk under the direction of the Committee on Public Offices."

The subject of the Books for taking the Assessments by the Assessors of the different Wards was referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to direct such form to be pursued as they shall judge expedient.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[265] In Common Council May 25. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Rob. McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Complaint from sundry Inhabitants against the situation of a

Lot at the corner of Broadway and Marketfield Street, and against the Swine which are permitted to run at large without having rings in their noses as directed by Law, was read—Whereupon it was Resolved that the subject respecting swine be referred to the City Intendant to enforce the law, and the residue to the City Inspector and Superintendant of Repairs with authority to take measures to remove the complaint.

[266] A Letter was received from the New Loan Officers, stating that it has become necessary for them to demand payment of the sum due on the Mortgage given by the late Anthony L. Bleecker, and which premises were purchased in on account of the Corporation. Whereupon, it was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to pay off the same if deemed expedient.

A Remonstrance against granting the prayer of Benjamin U. Coles for the use of the Sewer in Broad Street was read and laid for consideration until the Report of the Committee on that subject is made.

A Petition of the African Free School Institution, stating that the encreased numbers under their care made it necessary to erect another School Room, and praying the aid of the Corporation to enable them to effect that object, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street, praying that the Corporation would immediately proceed to the contemplated improvement of widening said Street [267] between the East River and Batavia Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition was received from John Brown, stating that he was about building on the North East corner of Chatham and James Streets and was desirous of building in a line corresponding with the Southwest corner of said Streets. Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Stephen Doane for permission to have a private Stall for the sale of meat at his residence on the corner of Rutgers and Division Streets, and of Thomas Place for a similar permission at the corner of Norfolk and Division Streets—were read and leave given Petitioners to withdraw their petitions.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants for a Lamp in White Street was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of William S. Hunter & Co. to remove the Steps, now in the Street which leads to their Counting Room, to a door within

twelve feet of their present situation, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

An Application from George Cooper for per- [268] mission to construct a Vault in Beekman Street and also one in Barclay Street, and a similar request from H. M. Beare for one in Chamber Street—were granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Christian Heiser for permission to build a vault at the northwest corner of Hudson and Reader Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward to report.

A Petition from George Bowen for remission of a Fine under the Hackney Law was read and leave given to withdraw the Petition.

A Petition of Guilliam Cornell for appointment of Inspector of Wood: of Robert Wood for that of Inspector of Manure: of Isaac Loofborrow for an appointment: of Abel Smith for appointment of Inspector of Bread; and of Ezra Frost for appointment of City Inspector or Assistant Street Commissioner—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from E. Secor & Co. stating that a Complaint has been made a- [269] gainst them on the subject of an Awning erected by them in the Street, and praying the same may be enquired into, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Boltis Moore to be permitted to sink a Cistern in Catharine Street in front of his house, as his lot is not sufficiently extensive to admit of one—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of Adam Ten Brook for Stall No. 14 Greenwich Market was read and granted.

A Recommendation in favor of Joseph Townsend for License as a Butcher at Harlaem, was read, and ordered that he receive License therefor.

A Letter from John Kenrick dated Newton Massachusetts 4th May was received, stating that he had invented a plan by which Channels may be opened thro' Sand Bars which obstruct the navigation of Bays and Rivers: that it consists of a process of submarine ploughing and harrowing, the machinery to be drawn by a Steam-boat: that if the Corporation will offer the sum of One hundred thousand dollars he will undertake to cut a chan- [270] nel of ten rods wide and four fathom deep at Sandy Hook. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Henry White & James Morris for permission to sink

a pier in the direction of Beaver Lane in the centre of the Wharves on the North River owned by them, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John R. Livingston that a Suit against him on the subject of filling in certain Lots may be discontinued, was referred to the City Inspector.

A Memorial of some considerable length was received from Edmund C. Genet, urging from various considerations that the personal Estates of Banking Companies and other chartered Money Institutions are liable to assessment under the law to raise money by Tax, and ought accordingly to be assessed and bear their proportion of the public burdens: that the taxes on individuals would be thereby greatly lessened by the sum which would be raised, as in the Returns of the Assessors the personal [271] estate of the Inhabitants of the City was rated at Twenty Million, Nine hundred and ninety nine thousand Dollars, and the Capital of the Chartered Money Institutions amounts to Twenty one million, nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition on the subject of permitting Foreigners to receive License as Cartmen to be employed in carting dirt only, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of the Special Justices to have the Room lately occupied by the United States' Loan Officer assigned to them, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, that the Law respecting carting Manure may be altered so as to authorize Cartmen to take it from places where it is made and put it on board of vessels at Slips adjacent, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Vandenburgh for Stall. No. 5 in Centre Market: one of Thomas Harrison for Stall no. 5 in Grand St. Market; and one of John Simeson for Stall No. 5 [272] in Centre Market— were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Hills for extension of time for filling up lots at the foot of Barclay Street owned by Messrs. Anderson, Burger and Miller, as he has contracted to fill up the same and the time allowed by the Ordinance is not sufficiently extensive to perform the same, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward.

A Memorial from sundry owners of Lots in Greenwich Village, remonstrating against any alteration of the plan adopted for regulating the same, was read and referred to the Committee on that subject.

A Petition from Richard L. Walker, Physician & Surgeon to the City Prison and Gaol, for an increase of his Salary, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter from Colonel Murray commanding the 14th Regiment of New York State Artillery, stating a former request presented by him that the Corporation would honor the Corps he commanded [273] with a Stand of Colours and begging a reply to the same, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner representing that the Street in front of the Albany Basin required repaving, which was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well in Chrystie Street between Delancey and Rivington Streets and for one in Cannon Street between Grand & Broome Streets—which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower in the latter.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed—Namely, for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street: for regulating Willett and Sheriff Streets, of which Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector; and for regulating Washington Street from Christopher Street to Hammond Street, of which Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented Releases of Quit Rent to Martin Hoffman for Lots Nos. 118 and 139 Common Lands the Rent of which had been commuted for by him at the usual [274] rate: Whereupon the same Releases were directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

H. Post M. Noe	Own. Occ.	55 Hester St.	Privy
J. Robinson Jno. Forbes	Own. Occ.	151 Chambers St.	do
Dan. Philips Wm Dixon	Own. Occ.	66 Bancker St.	do
J. Amerman J. F. Slipper	Own. Occ.	154 William St.	do
Bunting & Shaffer	Own.	Canal c. Greene Sts.	Lot.
Caleb G. Haines,	Own. & Occ.	52 Orchard St.	Privy

Fred. Depeyster D. Hancock	Own Occ.	24 New St.	Privy
Fred. Depeyster Mrs. M. Smith	Own. Occ.	22 New St	do
Vestry St. Mark's M. Hoffman	Own. Agt.	Harrison c. Washington	Lot.
N. Quackenboss Josh. Greenleaf	Own. Agt.		
Geo. Sands—E. Benedict Mr. Montague, W^m^ Tait and Abm. Gordon	Occ.	21½ Nassau St	Privy

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

[275] The Counsel presented the following Report, which was directed to be referred to the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward:

"The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that the proceedings relative to the Slips have been postponed till Thursday next. If it is contemplated to have so much of the proceedings as relate to the Pier near Roosevelt discontinued, it will of course be necessary that he should be instructed relative to it prior to that time.

"Since the last meeting of the Board he has discovered that the property required for a Slip at the foot of Oliver Street is so imperfectly described in the precept, that it will be indispensibly necessary to discontinue the proceedings in that case altogether. This error arose from an erroneous impression which rested upon the mind of the gentleman who attended to the drawing the precept during the absence of the Counsel, as to the extent of the permanent line.

"The Counsel conceives it to be his duty farther to inform the Board that the Court intimated it as their opinion that it was not in the power of the Corporation to discontinue proceedings of this nature after they had been commenced. The Counsel however is of [276] opinion that the Recorder could not have meant to be understood that under no circumstances could the Corporation be allowed to discontinue, and that if they could be allowed in any case that they would be allowed in the case of the Oliver Street Slip, in which the proceedings must prove abortive, and also as to so much of the property embraced in the precept for taking the property for the Roosevelt Street Slip as relates to Minturn & Champlin's Pier, with regard to which the Corporation rested under a misapprehension as to their rights.

"The Counsel therefore respectfully recommends that he be instructed to move to discontinue the proceedings relative to the Oliver Street Slip, and also that measures be taken to instruct him what course to pursue as it relates to the Pier near Roosevelt Street."

Respectfully submitted.
(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 7."

Jesse Harvey, Dock builder, 64 Mulberry—6 ward. an additional Member.

[277] "Fire Engine Company, No. 37."

Jackson Coleman, Cartman, North c. Chrystie, 10 ward, vice Henry Sickels, Resigned.

Jac. Seaman, Cartman, Crosby n. Spring, 8 ward—vice Jacob Flick, Resigned.

The following Petitions, which had been referred to the Ferry Committee, were returned by the Chairman of the former Ferry Committee, Alderman Buckmaster, and were now referred to the present Committee: Namely

Petition of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company, remonstrating against other grants for ferries:

Petition of J. B. Coles for establishing a Ferry from Harsimus in Jersey to a place between Spring and Chamber Streets in the City: and

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in favor of Mr. Coles' petition.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of renewing the cartmen's Licenses, reported:

"That they have given the subject due consideration, and believing it is neither the wish or intention of the Board to raise a Revenue from this source, respectfully recommend—that there be demanded from each person whose license shall be renewed by the Mayor the sum of Fifty cents, which the Committee presumes will be fully adequate for [278] the payment of all expences attending said renewals."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier.

which report was approved.

The Committee of Charity, on the petition of Benjamin Williamson, reported that the fine be remitted to him on payment of costs—which was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the petition for laying the Curb Stone in Washington Street from Le Roy Street to Hammond Street, reported in favor of the same—which was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward, to whom was presented (referred) the petition of B. U. Coles, reported: That they

"have viewed the premises and particularly the propriety of having the contemplated Drain, and do concur with the Street Commissioner whose report they adopt as meeting their sentiments."

Respectfully submitted

(sign'd) P. Mesier.
Thos. Bolton.

[279] The Street Commissioner's Report was as follows:

"That the facts as stated in the within petition are correct—and would recommend that Mr. Coles be permitted to lay a drain from his house to the main Sewer in Broad Street, and also to construct a Brick Cistern under the walk on the usual terms, as his building covers the whole lot."

(sign'd) Jno. M^cComb.
St. Commissioner.

The Remonstrance presented this day was again read. Whereupon, it was Resolved that the Report of the Committee be agreed to, on condition that the Privilege is confined to the use in said Petition mentioned—namely the carrying off the water from his building.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Mill Street, reported:

"That the pavement ought to be relaid—and would respectfully recommend that the pavement in Mill Street be taken up from Broad Street to the upper end at the turn and repaved with a narrow foot walk on each side, the footwalk to be laid with flagging: also that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose."

[280] (signd) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" Jno. M^cComb.
St. Com^r

which report was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Bruff for an appropriation of One hundred dollars to perfect a Machine for the sweeping of Chimnies according to a Model submitted, reported:

"That they have examined the said Model and have had experiments made in a wooden flue with apposite inclinations of about 45 degrees, and that it has answered every purpose intended by the inventor. Whether it will answer equally as well in the flue of a chimney your Committee cannot determine as it frequently happens that an experiment on a small scale cannot be brought into successful operation when extended. Your Committee, however, impressed with the importance of the subject and believing it probably a useful invention recommend that the sum of seventy five dollars be granted, to be expended by the Committee in constructing a [281] Sweeping Machine according to the model and of making experiments on the same."

(sign'd) W. F. Van Amringe
" Jacob B. Taylor
" Stephen Allen.

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for the sum proposed.

On motion of Alderman Buckmaster, the Law lately passed amending the Law respecting Hackney Carriages was reconsidered: when on motion to repeal the Fourth Section of the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. Stevens, after some prefatory observations on the propriety of making some farther regulations in relation to the Bridewell which had been suggested to him by his Honor the Mayor, presented a Law entitled "A Law to amend the Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell, which was read by paragraphs and passed.

Resolved—that hereafter in all cases where upon improvements being made by opening or enlarging Streets, Squares or Avenues it becomes necessary to remove dwelling houses or other buildings it shall be the duty of the Street [282] Commissioner to advertise in the public prints employed by the Corporation, at least ten days before such removal, the places from which and the time when such buildings are to be removed, in order that the occupants of the same may be informed thereof.

A Resolution directing the City Intendant to cause the stakes & poles in the Hudson River now within the City and County of New York to be removed on or before the First day of June next, was presented and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Recorder presented a Resolution directing the Committee appointed on the subject of causing an Index to be made of the Records of Deeds and Mortgages, to make a Report to the Board of the expence which will attend the same previous to incurring any expence or making any contract on the subject: which was agreed to.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution to allow to Henry Abell Clerk of the Commissioners a Salary of Eight hundred dollars per annum, which was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

[283] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 18th inst	$466.43	
Received for Common Lands	844.52	
" " Tax, 1817. 3d, 4th, 6, 7, 8, 10 wds	9151.90	
" " Tavern Licenses	1645.50	
" " Streets	1700.00	
" " Eighth Avenue	100.00	13,908.35

Accounts Audited.

Wm S. Smith, Collector City Revenue, 1 Qr's Salary—22d instant	200.00	
Thos. Franklin, Chief Engineer, 1 Qr's Salary, 18th inst.	200.00	
Rich. L. Walker, Physician City Prison & Gaol, 6 mo. 1 inst.	100.00	
Abm. Brevoort, Inspr of Bread, 1 Qr. 21 inst	95.00	
Geo. Mills, Asst. City Inspector, 1st to 20th inst. inclusive	34.00	
Benj. Hicks, Asst. City Inspector 1st to 20th inst. inclusive	34.00	
S. Jones & D. S. Jones, Counsel fee in ejectment suit, G. Peck	200.00	
Reub. Stevens, posting bills—1 qr. to 1 inst	11.00	
B. Skaats, Keeper City Hall, 1 qr. to 24 inst	100.00	
B. Skaats, for expences at Hall. refreshments &c. 1 qr. 24 inst.	259.14	
Luke Persiary, care Mud Machine 7½ mo. to 13 March, 1818	75.93	
Cornˢ Ray, Award Bancker St	622.50	
[284] Heirs of Michael Gouverneur—Award for Bancker St.	439.00	
Jno. McCarthy, Award for Bancker Street	275.00	
Peter Parsells, regg Streets at Greenwich Village	400.00	
Chs. Mooney on account for paving Franklin Street	200.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt of Reprs. for Reprs	600.00	
W. Fish for Commrs Com. Schools—recd by Treasr & credd 26 May 1817	5532.06	
Richard Furman, Superintt of the Alms house	4000.00	=13,377.63
	Balance	$530.72

Adjourned to Wednesday (27th) 5 o'clock

[285] In Common Council May 27. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
Wm F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robt. McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to Adjournment.

A Petition from John R. Murray in behalf of the Inhabitants on Hudson Square, stating that they had appointed a person to take charge of the grounds within the Enclosure, and praying that a Law might be passed giving him authority to protect the Trees, Shrubs and Grass of the same in like manner as is given with respect to the Park, Battery and Bowling Green. Whereupon it was referred to the Alderman of the 3d and Assistant of the 5th Ward.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants [286] at Harlaem Heights, for a Donation of One hundred and fifty dollars to enable them to complete a school house they have erected, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition was received from the York and Jersey Steam Boat Company, stating that their expences on said Establishment have been so great that they have not hitherto received any advantage therefrom, and praying that the Corporation will alter the Contract with them so as to permit them to use one Horse Boat on said Ferry in lieu of one of the Steam Boats directed by the Contract, as the erection and working of a Horse Boat will be a considerable saving to them being less expensive than a Steam Boat. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Ferry Committee to report.

The Comptroller presented a Release of Quit rent for Lot No. 72 Common Lands to Thomas Addis Emmett, the same having been commuted for on the usual terms—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition [287] of Baltis Moore, reported: That he

"Having examined the subject would respectfully recommend that the request of the petitioner be granted, as the Cistern is already made and there is not room on the Lot for the whole of it to stand on;

about ⅔ of the diameter with the mouth will be within his enclosure, and about one third or 2 feet 6 inches will be under the Side Walk, and within the line of the Stoops."

(sign'd) John McComb.
St. Commissioner.

which Report was approved.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of W. S. Hunter & Co. reported: that he

"having examined the situation of the above described Stoop would recommend the request be granted."

(sign'd) Jno. McComb.
St. Commissioner.

which Report was approved.

The Counsel reported that he had prepared the draught of an Answer to the Bill in Chancery against the Corporation filed by Richard Varick Esqr. and he recommended that a Committee be appointed to peruse the same with him and to cause the Common Seal to be affixed thereto—which was approved, and [288] a Committee appointed as proposed of Aldermen King Thorp Munson

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for paving Elizabeth Street from Hester to Broome Street, reported:

"That in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. McComb
St. Comr

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector on the petition relative to a Lot corner of State and Marketfield Streets, reported:

"That the correction of the said Nuisance was directed, in the usual manner, to Mrs. Dale (formerly Mrs. Fulton) the owner, and, altho' the term given by the Ordinance enjoining its correction has elapsed, yet the Nuisance remains in the same offensive condition.

"The City Inspector is of opinion, that Mrs. Dale cannot be sued to recover the penalty for non-compliance with the ordinance served [289] on her, in consequence of her marriage: he would therefore respectfully recommend that directions be issued that the aforesaid nuisance be corrected at the public expence and a Lien held on the Lot for the same.

"He would farther observe that as he has doubts on the subject of enclosing the Lot after its correction, so far only as the Corporation may recover from the owner for the expence of so doing, he would suggest the propriety of having the Counsel's opinion on this part of the subject, in order the public may not risk the suffering, by any act rendered necessary for the health of the City, occasioned by the Owners of property not complying with the necessary Ordinances of the Board."

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which was read.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, with the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, on the Resolutions respecting the Slips at the foot of Roosevelt and Oliver Streets, reported:

"That they have given the subject all the attention and consideration which its importance and the limited time allowed them would [290] permit; and have finally concluded to recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolutions.

"1. Resolved—that the Counsel be directed to continue the proceedings in the case of the Slip at the foot of Oliver Street, provided the objection to any irregularity which may have taken place in said proceedings shall be waived by the parties concerned: otherwise, that he immediately commence anew the legal process for putting the Corporation in possession of the Water, Bulkhead and Pier lying between the most westwardly line of Oliver Street and extending east to Catharine Slip.

"2. Resolved—that the Counsel be farther directed to request the Court to discontinue all proceedings on that part of the property lying within a line commencing at the westerly side of the ground designated as belonging to John Clark, and extending to Roosevelt Street, and that he continue the process so far as it respects that part intended to be taken as a public Slip, commencing at the westerly line of John Clark's property aforesaid & extending east to James' Slip."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Steph. Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Jno. P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen

[291] On motion, it was agreed to consider the Resolutions proposed by the Committee separately. Upon the question of agreeing to

the first Resolution, and a Division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

12. Affirmative. Aldermen King Underhill Van Amringe Mc-Queen Buckmaster Taylor Munson Messrs Bolton Anthony Akerly Board Allen

5. Negative. Alderman Mesier Thorp Messrs Stevens Westervelt Parker.

The consideration of the Second Resolution was then taken up, and after some discussion Alderman King moved that the whole of the Resolution after the word "Resolve" be stricken out, in order to introduce an amendatory Resolution which he read. The question being taken thereon, & a Division being called it passed in the Negative:

10. Negative.	7. Affirmative.
Ald. Underhill, Buckmaster.	Ald. Mesier, King
" Taylor, Thorp, Munson	" Vn Amringe, McQueen,
Ass. Bolton, Stevens	Mess. Anthony, Parker
" Westervelt, Board, Allen.	" Akerly

[292] The question was then taken on the Resolution and agreed to. The question being then taken on adopting and agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and a Division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative, all the members voting in the Affirmative except Alderman Mesier and Mr. Stevens who voted in the negative.

A Resolution was presented, directing the Comptroller to report a Warrant for the Chairman of the Alms House Committee for Seven hundred dollars—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Mesier presented a Resolution, directing the City Inspector to cause the Lot at the corner of State and Marketfield Streets to be filled up and the Superintendant of Repairs to enclose it in fence: which was referred to the Counsel, and if in his opinion the expences would remain a lien on the Lot to direct the City Inspector and Superintendant of Repairs to carry the Resolution into effect.

Resolved—that the Street Committee be requested to enquire and report [293] if the Contract with the Messrs. Hitchcocks respecting the Streets has been complied with and also if any and what amendments can be made in the regulations on that subject.

Resolved—that Alderman Morss be on the Committee respecting the prevention of pauperism in place of Alderman Holmes no longer a Member of the Board.

Resolved—that the Counsel be authorised to employ and associate with himself other Counsel in the case of the valuation of ground taken

for the Slips at the foot of Roosevelt Street and Oliver Street now before the Mayor's Court.

On motion of Alderman King, resolved—that the Comptroller be directed to enquire and report if any and what persons hold possession of Water Lots upon which grants have not been taken out and where a Quit rent is not reserved.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 4 o'clock.

[294] In Common Council June 1. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, that the old Post Road leading to Boston extending from 125th Street to Harlaem Bridge may be closed up, and a Remonstrance from a number of the Inhabitants of Harlaem against that measure, were read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from Joseph Tremaine for appointment of Weigh master: one of Benjamin Disbrou for appointment as measurer of grain; and one of Abel [295] Smith for appointment as Measurer of Grain, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Noah Brown and Daniel D. Tompkins, Lessees of Pier No. 1 or West Pier, was received, stating that they are Lessees of a part of said Pier for the term of Ten years from the 1st of April 1817 and for the residue of said Pier for one year which expired on May last: that from the Covenants enjoined on the part of the lessees respecting certain expenditures by them, and which they have performed, they presume the intention of the Corporation was, and the construction of the grant would be, that the Lessees were to have possession of the same under the control of the Corporation in case of and until the premises should be wanted for public purposes: they therefore

pray that a Lease may be given to them for the residue of said Pier to continue during their term in the other part of said pier and until the said pier should be wanted for public purposes, of which Two months notice should be given to the Lessees. The same having been read was referred to the Ferry Committee to report thereon.

A Memorial from the Committee on behalf [296] of the licensed cartmen, urging that the decision of the Mayor not to grant new Licenses to any but citizens should be extended to the renewal of licenses, was read and referred, together with the letter of the Mayor to the Committee on that subject, to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Representation of John Slidell and William Harrison, stating the injury they received a few days since from the overturning of their carriage in the Streets by some Hogs, and praying the Law may be reenacted to prevent those animals from running at large in the Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws, who immediately reported a Law entitled "A Law respecting Swine," which was read and the consideration postponed till the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that the Drain or Sewer in Roosevelt Street may be repaired and cleansed, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of certain Inhabitants [297] and Tenants of Houses in Roosevelt Street, praying that the contemplated improvement of widening Roosevelt Street may be delayed until May next, as it will put many of them to great inconvenience to be obliged to remove immediately, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Seventh and Tenth Wards, that John Winship may be permitted to sell small meats at his stall on Sunday morning, as they do not receive their weekly wages until late on Saturday night and it is exceedingly inconvenient to procure necessaries for their families at so late an hour, was read and it was resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of John Jermain, for permission to take on board a vessel from Pike Slip 500 loads of Manure purchased by him, was read and leave given to him to withdraw the Petition.

A Petition of Francis O'Neale for Stall No. 7 in Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Isaiah Smith and Gilbert Sniffen, for remission of a fine in- [298] curred by incumbering the Street with their Carts, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A complaint from sundry Inhabitants against the situation of the

Gutter in Pearl Street at the head of Collect Street, was read and referred to the Street and Canal Committees.

A Petition of Mary Greene for permission to construct a Vault in the Street opposite No. 17 Orange Street was read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A similar petition in behalf of Hallsted Haight for vaults at Nos. 76 and 78 Hudson Street was granted on like terms.

An Account of Andrew Van Norden, as Keeper of the Battery, for one month for Forty nine dollars ninety four cents was presented, and a Warrant ordered to be reported therefor at the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments [299] for opening and extending Bancker Street. Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of E. Secor & Co. reported:

"That in his opinion Mr. Secor's Awning is not exceptionable in itself: but, with respect to the neighbouring Store-keepers, it is. It is complained of as being contrary to the general regulation for Awnings, and as giving Mr. Secor a decided advantage over others in that trade by being able to make a greater display of his goods than others can do, for want of an awning over their second stories; and which they cannot have except where they have trees in front of a sufficient height. The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion that it would be improper to grant the request."

(sign'd) John McComb
St. Commissioner.

which Report was approved.

He also reported an Ordinance for repaving Mill Street, and an Ordinance for laying the Curb Stone in Washington Street from LeRoy Street to Hammond Street; which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors in the [300] former, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] in the latter.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies):

"Fire Engine Company, No. 5."

Jas. H. McKenzer, hatter, 444 Pearl St. 3d ward, vice David Keys, Resigned.

Sam. Winterton, hatter, 39 Maiden Lane, 2 ward—vice John Haines, Resigned.

Church Miller, grocer, Batavia Lane c. James, 4 w[d] vice Geo. Vanderbilt, Resigned.

Rob. Thompson Jr. Account[t] 104 Fulton, 2 ward, vice Steph. Stilwell, Resigned.

Hen. Costar, hatter, 273 Broadway, 3 ward, vice Francis Richards, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 12."

Jas. R. Mount, Account[t] 51 Ferry, 4 ward, vice Elij. Tompkins, Resigned.

Jno. R. Johnson, Currier, 69 Cliff, 2 ward, vice Jas. M. Hoyt, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Zeb[n] Brundage, grocer, 19 Bowery, 10 ward—vice Thos. Blair, Resigned.

Thos. Kerby, grocer, Pike c. Henry, 7 ward—vice Abm. Vanderbeck, resigned.

[301] The Chief Engineer Reported:—

"That Houses are immediately wanted for Engines Nos. 7 and 12, and as a Lot of ground has been purchased in Rose Street for that purpose, he therefore respectfully suggests that the subject be referred to the Committee of the Fire Department and the Superintendant of Repairs (with powers) to carry the same into effect. He again reports, that the Floating Engine House at the foot of Roosevelt Street is in very bad order, that the Boat generally grounds at low water, and that it's of importance that immediate attention should be given to it." Which is respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engineer.

which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to report.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

Van Orden & Miller, F. C. Jacot	Own. Occ.	11 Dutch St.	Privy
Jno. Van Nostrand, E. Barkley	Own. Occ.	Spring c. Mott	"
Thos. Smyth	Own. & Occ.		"

Chs. Graham Dr. See	Own. Occ.	303	Greenwich St	Privy
Charles Graham John Burns	Own. Occ.	305	"	"
[302] J. Lounsbury Dav. L. Height				
	Own.		Essex c. Stanton.	Lot
Wm Agnew	Own.	242	Water St.	"
Jno. Hurley	Own.		Forsyth c. Stanton	"
Walter Bowne	Own.	193	Duane St.	"
Geo. Janeway	do		Cross c. Pearl	"
Jno. R. Livingston,	do		Cannon St	"
do	do		Lewis St.	"

George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The City Inspector, on the Petition of John R. Livingston, reported:—

" Mr. Livingston was ordinanced to fill in his Lots (East of Columbia Street) in June 1817: the Ordinance expired in August last, but upon petitioning the Board the period was extended two months longer: after the termination of the last-mentioned time, the City Inspector, finding the ordinance not then complied with, sent it to the Attorney for prosecution.

" On the 12th of January last Mr. Livingston petitioned the Board, praying a discontinuance of the Suit brought against him by the Attorney, which petition was referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector; who, after due examination, reported unfavorably on [303] said petition, and which the Board accepted. A second petition on the same subject, on the 26th of the same month, was presented and had a similar reference—but no report was made thereon, in consequence of the Street Committee conceiving that as no alteration, in their judgment, had taken place and that the Board had already accepted their report, it therefore, for the reasons stated, became unnecessary.

" The City Inspector farther states that last week he viewed all the Lots of Mr. Livingston, between Stanton Street on the North and Rivington Street on the South that lie east of Columbia Street. Those lots between Columbia on the west and Cannon on the East have been completed, and those farther Eastward partially complied with. From the various complaints made of water passing into the cellars in Stanton Street near the East River where the largest reservoir of water

remains, ordinances have been again presented against Mr. Livingston to occasion an acceleration of his Contracts for filling in his Lots and thereby correcting those nuisances so often complained of."

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which was approved, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[304] The Counsel, on the subject of extinguishing the claim of Robert R. Hunter to ground at Albany Basin, reported:

"That in pursuance of instructions from the Finance Committee, to whom the subject was referred, he has treated with Mr. Hunter for his title to a part of the Albany Basin:

"That Mr. Hunter has agreed to accept an assignment of two of the Lots and to give to the Corporation a Mortgage upon them for Four thousand dollars, and thereupon to release all his right and title.

"This will extinguish all private title to the Basin excepting as to the Street on the South side, about which some doubt may exist. This arrangement met with the approbation of the late Committee on Finance, and if it meets with the approbation of the Board he recommends that he be ordered to carry it into effect."

Respectfully submitted.
(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.
Counsel.

Which was approved, and he was directed to conclude and perfect the agreement agreeably to his proposal.

[305] The Counsel of the Board, on the subject of a Lease to W^m^ A. Hardenbrook, reported:

"That the late Chairman of the Committee of Finance has informed him that one of the terms, upon which the property was leased to William A. Hardenbrook, was that he should be permitted to cut off the timber. As the Lease, as reported to the Board and executed, does not authorise the cutting of the timber, the Counsel respectfully recommends that he be authorised to alter it in conformity to the terms upon which Mr. Hardenbrook took it."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards
Counsel.

which was approved, and he was directed to alter the report agreeably thereto.

He also, on the subject of Beekman M. Van Beuren's Mortgage, reported:

"That two lots of ground in the Eigth Ward which were assigned to the Corporation by Beekman M. Van Beuren have been sold in pursuance of a Decree of the Chancellor; and that the purchasers are willing to relinquish their bids to the Corporation. The Lots were sold for much less than their real value, and it would be for the interest of the Corporation to accept of the proposition. There were other lots included in the same mortgage, and the Corporation will be enti- [306] tled to the surplus of the proceeds, after satisfying the mortgage: but it is necessary that the whole amount of the purchase-money should be first paid into Court. The whole amount which is necessary to satisfy the mortgage over and above the proceeds of the lots' rent mortgaged to the Corporation is Five hundred and ten dollars. Of this Mr. Van Beuren has paid the Counsel Two hundred dollars and promises shortly to pay the balance. The amount over and above this sum which it will be necessary to pay into Court will be Six hundred and thirty five dollars, Four hundred and twenty five of which the Chancellor will order to be repaid to the Corporation, and it will be necessary for them to look to Mr. Van Beuren for the balance.

The Counsel therefore recommends that a Warrant issue for Six hundred and thirty five dollars. As the Court of Chancery will sit in a few days, it will be necessary for the Board to act upon this subject this day."

Respectfully submitted.

(signed) Ogden Edwards.
Counsel.

which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported therefor.

[307] The Counsel of the Board, on the subject of the proposed Slips at the foot of Roosevelt and Oliver Streets, reported:

"That the amount awarded the proprietors of the premises required for a Slip between Catharine Slip and Oliver Street is Four thousand One hundred and Thirty nine dollars fifty cents. The Counsel for the Owners of that property has informed the Counsel of the Board that they are dissatisfied with the verdict and that unless the Corporation will allow Mr. Coster and Mrs. Courtney each Twelve hundred and fifty four dollars fifty cents and an additional sum to the Heirs of John Murray, that he will endeavour to have the verdict set aside. The grounds however upon which he predicates his objections to the verdict are not such as in the opinion of the Counsel are tenable.

"In the case of the lower Slip between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street, the Counsel moved for leave to discontinue so much of the

proceedings as related to the premises south of John Clark's property which the Court refused to grant him. He then entered a nolle prosequi as to the whole, notwithstanding which the Court proceeded, and the Jury awarded about Twenty thousand Seven hundred and fifty dollars exclusive of what they conceived ought to be [308] [308] allowed to Walter Franklin for his property which was Seven hundred and fifty dollars. The Counsel for Mr. Franklin had obtained leave to discontinue as to so much as related to his property. It is the opinion of the Counsel of the Board, and of those who were associated with him, as well as of several eminent Counsel who have given their opinion upon the subject, that this verdict is not binding upon the Corporation, and that upon application being made to the Supreme Court they will issue a Mandamus requiring the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon the nolle prosequi.

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller, on the subject of Water Lots possessed by persons who have not taken out Grants therefor, reported, (agreeably to order):

"That on the 11th April 1803, the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Franklin requesting permission to extend his wharf near New Slip farther into the East River, reported 'that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, [309] upon condition of his extending the wharf not exceeding 210 feet from the South side of Front Street and making bridges and piers alternately in the same manner that the piers and bridges are ordered to be made extending from South Street.'

"The report was confirmed, and the prayer of Samuel Franklin granted agreeably thereto. No grant has been since taken out for the property above mentioned

"On the 9th June 1806, the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. Mitchell relative to sinking a Pier in Front Street, having reported in favor of the same, it was ordered that Dr. Mitchell have liberty to erect a Small pier adjoining to that of Mr. Agnew in Front Street to the west of Roosevelt Street in the 4th ward, in such manner as to enable him to receive the wharfage of the same.

"The Finance Committee made a report to the Board on the 3d November 1817 (which was approved,) that on the application of

Samuel L. Mitchell, Minturn & Champlin and John Agnew, grants should be issued to them at the old rate (viz. One dollar per foot.) but the Rent to commence on the 1st May 1805, about which time the property was first improved, [310] together with legal interest. Those Lots are between Dover Street and Roosevelt Street, and the Counsel of the Board was requested to prepare grants accordingly.

"The Finance Committee, on the application of Silvanus Miller for a Water grant in front of his property near Roosevelt Street, reported that a grant should be made out by the Counsel, on certain conditions, and with a provision that the grant be taken out previous to the 1st March 1818—This Report was laid on the table Dec. 22. 1817, and has not since been acted on.

"Grants were ordered by the Board several months since in favor of Samuel M. Thompson, Richard J. Tucker, Thomas S. Clarkson and the Representatives of J. Le Roy deceased for water lots on the North River near the State Prison; but the Counsel has not had time to prepare them. Also one to the Heirs of John Post deceased for a Lot near Walnut Street on the East River, but the Applicant for this grant has since declined taking it, on account of not being permitted to extend further into the River than Front Street.

"It is understood that Nathan Sanford Esqr. possesses property [311] bounded by the North River near the State Prison for which a grant should issue. He inquired some time since as to the rates of Quit Rent, and was requested to furnish a Map of the premises, previous to an Application, agreeably to an order of the Common Council August 14. 1809, by which 'all communications for grants must be accompanied with a Map or Survey of the property applied for, certified by a Sworn Surveyor, and after a report thereon by the Comptroller recommending the issuing a Grant, the applicant shall execute the same within four weeks from such report, or forfeit his claim to the said grant.'

"Henry Simmons applied for a grant for a Lot at Corlaer's Hook, but for want of a Map the grant could not be made.

"Some property at Brooklyn is similarly situated, and the Applicants have promised to obtain Surveys and Maps in order to apply for grants.

"An order passed the Board last Summer, directing all persons subject to Quit-rents on Water lots, who had not already obtained grants, to get the same previous to the 1st November last.

"Whenever it is ascertained that Water-lots have been improved or occupied previous to taking out a Grant, the Arrearages of rent

are always charged. It may possibly be the case, from the constant routine of public [312] business necessarily engaging the time and attention of the subscriber, that some persons may be in the use of water rights who have neglected to obtain a title thereto: when instances of this kind are known, the regular steps will be taken to enforce a compliance with the orders of the Common Council.

Respectfully submitted
(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

Whereupon he was directed to advertise in the public prints employed by this Board, and inform all persons who hold or are in possession of Water lots for which grants have not been taken out from this Corporation, that unless application is made to this Board for the same on or before the first day of September next the Counsel of the Board will be instructed to commence actions of ejectment against the occupants or holders for recovery of the same.

The Committee of Applications, to whom was referred the Petition of Peter R. Pearsall, reported:

"That the said petitioner is desirous of receiving the Appointment of Weigher in and for the City and County of New York. The [313] Committee believe that he is a fit and competent person to receive said appointment."

(sign'd) David Board
" Effingham Schieffelin

which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

The same Committee, on the petition of John T. Lacy for appointment as Inspector of Lumber, reported in his favor, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company for a Guarantee to run their conduit thro' the Park to Chatham Street, reported:

"That, in the view taken of the subject by the Committee, they cannot perceive that a grant of the privilege asked for will be of any importance to the Company, inasmuch as they now possess the right to run their conduit thro' any of our Streets and may, by a few additional feet of pipe, carry the water to Chatham Street thro' Tryon Row. The Committee cannot consent therefore that the gravel walks and ornaments of the Park, on which so much taste has been displayed and public money expended should be broken up, when in their opinion neither the public or [314] the Manhattan Company are to be

materially benefitted: and it is accordingly recommended that the request contained in said Petition be refused.

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe.
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

which report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Colonel James B. Murray for a Stand of Colours, reported:

" That they have duly considered the subject of said petition, and entertain no doubt of the respectability and patriotism of the Corps under the command of Colonel Murray. The Committee think, however that the situation in which the 14th Regiment have placed themselves, by selecting a specific duty, cancels the claim (if any claim can be admitted) which they otherwise may have had on the Corporation, growing out of the circumstance that Colours have been presented to other regiments: at a time however, as the Committee believe, when our country was involved in a war of much magnitude and interest.

" The 14th Regiment have [315] designated themselves by the name of the " Governor's Guard," and the Committee believe have particularly attached themselves to the person of the Commander in Chief, as his Body guard during his stay in this City. This may be very laudable in the Regiment, and the Committee wish to be distinctly understood as by no means condemning the course they have marked out or adopted; but they contend that, inasmuch as, at the first organization of the Regiment, they adopted the appellation of " Governor's Guard," and thereupon were complimented by his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins with their first Stand of Colours, it appears but just, now that new Colours are wanted, that application should be made in the first instance to his Excellency the present Governor, who otherwise may consider himself indecorously treated by the Corps, and the Corporation also may be charged with arrogating to themselves what of right belongs to the Commander in Chief of the Sate. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

Finance Committee

Which Report was approved.

[316] The Finance Committee, on the Resolution directing a Warrant for Seven hundred dollars to issue in favor of the Chairman of the Alms House Committee, reported:

"That the said money is required for the purpose of paying the Overseers of the Convicts while working on the Avenues, together with other necessary expences attending the same: they therefore recommend that the said Warrant be granted."

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant agreeably thereto.

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for working part of the Ninth Avenue, reported:

"That they have had the same under their view, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, as it would be of very great convenience to that neighbourhood and the expence of working it not great: They beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for working a part of the Ninth Avenue from Twelfth to Twenty- [317] eighth Street, and that he be instructed to include Twenty-eighth Street from the Ninth Avenue to the North River; the whole to be done under the direction of the Road Committee and the Street Commissioner."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Effingham Schieffelin
" David Board
" Jno. M^cComb, St. Com^r

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise accordingly.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for a Repeal of the Law respecting Manure, reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

(sign'd) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. M^cComb, St. Com^r

which report was approved.

The Chairman of the Street Committee, to whom was referred the Petition for paving Broad Way, presented a Report, which not having been signed by a Majority of the Committee was referred back to the same Committee.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred the petition of Doctor Richard [318] L. Walker, reported:

"That they have had under their consideration the annexed application of Richard Walker, on the subject of his Salary. As his duty has been increased by his attending the patients at the Old Alms house, your Committee recommend that his pay be increased Fifty dollars, so that hereafter his Salary will be Two hundred and fifty dollars, instead of Two hundred as it now is."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the resolution relative to the Salary of Henry Abell, reported:

"That they have had under consideration the annexed Resolution respecting the Salary of Mr. Henry Able. Mr. Able performs highly important duties and renders valuable services to the Corporation, both in the character of Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House and as Purveyor to the Alms House Establishment, and under these circumstances your Committee think his present salary, which is Six hundred dollars, should be increased, and therefore recommend that Mr. Able be allowed a Salary of Eight [319] hundred dollars per annum, to commence on the 1st of May 1818."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was agreed to.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of the Police Magistrates for another Room, reported:

"That they have had the annexed communication of the Police Magistrates under their consideration—and in the opinion of your Committee there is no additional Room which can be furnished to this Department."

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly

which report was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition relative to licensing Aliens as Cartmen, reported:

"That this subject should be left exclusively with his Honor the Mayor, and they therefore recommend that the Board take no order on the subject."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Resolution, respecting a Room for Chief Justice Thompson, reported:—"That [320] there is no Room in the Hall unoccupied, which is suitable for the Chief Justice:—Your Committee nevertheless think that an Office should be provided for him, and in examining the offices they understand that the Clerk of the District Court occupies a room not given to him permanently. It is possible that the Clerk of this Court might occupy the room used by the District Court, as this Court is not often or long in Session, but if this could not be the case, the office of the Clerk is considered sufficiently lucrative to allow for the hire of an Office.

"Your Committee with a view to obtain the direction of the Board beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Clerk of the United States' District Court be informed that the Office in the Hall which he now occupies is required for other public purposes, and that he remove therefrom by the middle of June instant—And that the Clerk of this Board furnish him with a copy of the above Resolution."

All which is respectfully submitted

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen
Com. Pub. Off.

which Report was approved.

[321] Alderman Mesier presented the following:

"Resolved—that the practice of crouding that part of Pearl Street between Pine Street and Sloat Lane as a Stand for Carts and Barrows, to the great inconvenience of passing and business in that part of the City be referred to the Street Committee for the purpose of having the same corrected." which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to:—

"Resolved—that the communication of the Counsel of the Board on the subject of the Slips be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th ward, and

that they be authorised to treat for the Slip near Minturn & Champlin's Wharf, for so much thereof as the Board have agreed to take and report."

Alderman Munson presented the following:

"Resolved—that the Committee which had the subject of taking up paupers the last year be reappointed, together with the Commissioners of the Alms-house, to attend to all the duties the same as they did the last year." which was agreed to—and a Committee appointed of Ald. Munson Messrs. Stevens Akerly Schieffelin Allen.

[322] Alderman Mesier presented the following amendment to the Rules of the Board respecting Committees, which was approved, and the Clerk directed to incorporate the same in the rules and orders which are ordered to be published: Towit

"Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board shall report a state of facts and also their opinion thereon in writing: and that no report hereafter shall be received, unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee."

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 25th May	$530.72	
Recd for Excise	7674.50	
" " Rents	5611.38	
" " Streets	2550.00	
" " Tax 1817. 1 & 2 wards	975.14	
" " Lamps	70.56	=17,412.30

Accounts Audited.

Watch. Anderson & Walton, 1 district	1118.25
" Clark & Hibberd 2 do	682.50
" Bleakley & Brower 3 do	413.00
Geo. Cuming, City Inspr 1 qr. 28 May	312.50
W. J. Waldron, Asst do 1 mo. 1 ins	52.00
Obh Ayres do do " "	52.00
Sam. Hutchings. Stt Inspr " "	52.00
Jonn Weeden do " "	52.00
Astin & Cochran, Messengers " "	60.00
[323] Dan. H. Magee, Keepr Potter's Fd 1 mo. 1 ins	46.50
W. F. Van Amringe, Chmn. Committee on experiment sweepg chimnies	75.00
Attendance on Justice's Court.	
Jno. Richardson, 1 qr. to 1 inst	58.50
Jas. Warner, Specl Justce do to 26 May	187.50
Jas. Hopson do " "	187.50
Chs. Christian do 1 mo "	62.50
B. Oblenis, Clk. Pol. Off. 1 qr "	250.00
R. Stephens, Ast do " "	200.00

Jac. Hays, Officers extra service 1 qr. to 26 May.....	323.87	
Abm Stagg—bal. pavg Orange St. from Chatham to Bayard St.	529.22	
Abm. Stagg—pavg Mulberry St.....	370.33	
Chs. Mooney, pav. Franklin Street from Elm to Orange St.	100.00	
Jno. Sloan, 1st Instalment for a Well in Wooster St.....	65.87	
Jno. Gallagher, 1 Instalment for a Well in Dominick St....	47.25	
Thos. Barnum, Suptdg Piers, 30 days to 31 May.....	60.00	
W. Fish, Treasr to pay 23 divid^{d} City Stock, due 1 May 1818	12000.00	=17,358.29
Balance		$54. 1

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[324] In Common Council June 8. 1818.

Present The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Communication was received from the Honorable William P. Van Ness, Judge of the United States' District Court, stating that the Resolution of the Common Council at their last meeting directing the removal of the Clerk of the United States' District Court from the Room occupied by him as a public office in the Hall would be attended with extreme difficulty and embarrassment, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from John H. and W. C. Bol- [325] ton for permission to remove a Frame House from Park Place to the lower end of Vestry and Washington Streets, for which purpose they will employ Trucks, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 3d and 5th Wards and the Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of petitioners.

A Petition from William Niblo, stating that a prosecution has been commenced against him for contravening the Law for the prevention of Fires, and praying a Committee to enquire and report as to the

State of the Building complained of, was read and referred to the Attorney, to report.

A Petition from Robert Ferguson, stating that a complaint had been made against him for employing Carts not licensed; that Petitioner is under a Contract with the Corporation for filling in and regulating certain Streets; that he has employed Carts in that business and no other, and praying the Suit may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Attorney to report the facts of the case.

A Petition of Claudius G. Fontaine, for permission to sell goods at auction before his door in the Street, as allowed by a Resolution of the Common Council in May 1817 but which expired on the 1st of May [326] last, was read and referred to the Street Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

A Communication was received from Monsieur Monneron, proposing to establish at the City Hall Two Solar Dials connected with Clocks, one of which shall give the mean or apparent time of the day and the other the true time; which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Representation from Dominick Lynch Jr. in behalf of himself and the neighbourhood of the Battery, complaining of the great inconvenience experienced by them from the practice of shaking and dusting Carpets in the Street in front of their dwelling houses, and proposing that the Northwest corner of the Battery should be assigned for that purpose, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Request of Colonel Charles Graham, in behalf of himself and other Officers of the Infantry Militia, that the Common Council would set apart a Lot near the Collect, in which the Officers might assemble for military improvement, was read and referred [327] to the same Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Mill Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Dennis McCarthy, for permission to sink a cistern in the Street at the corner of Chatham and Duane Streets, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of sundry Fishermen attending the Fly Market, complaining of an undue preference given in the Stands of said Market to the sellers of Shell-fish &c. was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of George Schaffer, for Stall No. 19 in Catharine Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William Somerindyck, for permission to put some manure which he had purchased on board of a Boat at the foot of Charlton Street, and a request that a Suit against him for depositing Manure South of the prescribed line might be discontinued, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the Eighth Ward to report.

[328] A Petition of Henry S. Brooks, stating that he had built a small shed over his Store door at the corner of Cherry and Catharine Streets, which projects about three feet from the house into the street, and which he is now informed is contrary to law, and praying the subject may be referred to a Committee to direct whether it may remain or must be removed, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward to report.

A Recommendation in behalf of Owen Trainer, to be appointed an Inspector of Bread, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from Walter Bowne, to be relieved from the payment of the Interest on an Assessment for improvement of Pearl and Cherry Streets, as he was prevented by absence from town on attendance at the legislature from attending to the subject, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the following Assessments: Namely—For opening First Street; for opening and [329] enlarging Lombardy Street; For regulating Little Water Street; For regulating Lewis Street; For regulating and paving Hudson St; For repaving State Street; For repaving Oliver and part of Bancker and Water Streets: Whereupon, Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collection of the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Dominick Street between Varick and Hudson Streets, and for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street near Bleecker Street: which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the former, and Noah Jarvis in the latter case.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—)

16.

Chester Clark, Mercht. 3 Liberty St. 2 ward	v. P. S. Mulenberg,	Resigned.
Wm L. Degraw, Account. 24 Liberty St. 1 ward	v. Geo. Decous	do
Jno. Harper, Printer—131 Fulton St. 2 ward	v. Wm H. Wells	do

32.

Jas. Allen, ...	v. Nich. Steele	Resigned.

F. W. 8

Philo Lewis, Repacker—10. Vandam St. 8 ward.....	v. Jas. Angevine	do

[330] The Comptroller, on the account of B. Skaats, reported:—

"That he has examined the account of B. Skaats, with the vouchers, for fuel purchased, and finds a balance due the Corporation this day of Twenty nine dollars and thirty five cents, which will be carried to a new account."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker,
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller presented a statement of the account of Alpheus Sherman, Attorney of the Corporation from 1st November 1817 to 1st May 1818, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

Miss C. Duane Alfred S. Pell	Own. Agt.	Mott St	Lot.
Abijah Arden Ann Spencer	Own. Occ.	3 White St	do
Abijah Arden E. Byrnes	Own. Occ.	5 do	do
Josh Tompkins,	Les. & Occ.	Alden St	do
Enoch Hoyt H. Davey	Own. Occ.	Broome St	Privy.
Jno. McManus,	Les. & Occ.	Chrystie St	do
[331] P. Schermerhorn Thos. Williams Jr	Own. Occ.	10 Fulton St.	do

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel presented a Quit claim Deed to Robert R. Hunter, for Two Lots of ground at the Albany Basin, prepared in pursuance of an Agreement made with him by the Finance Committee, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of the Messrs. Swartwouts, reported:

"That on the 13th day of April 1811 a Lease of the said Ferry

was granted by this Corporation to Mr. John Stevens for fourteen years and three months from the 1st day of February preceding, at the rent of Three hundred and fifty dollars for the first year, with an annual increase of Seventeen dollars and fifty cents for each succeeding year of the said term:—

"That Mr. Stevens in some manner unknown to your Committee assigned his interest therein to the Messrs. Swartwouts, who have since sold the Establishment to Mr. Philip Hone, and that there is now due to the Corporation the sum of Five hundred and fifty three dollars Thirteen cents, for arrears of Rent: that [332] in the lease so granted to the said John Stevens there is contained a Covenant on the part of this Corporation that they shall at their own expence provide and keep in repair such accommodations as may be deemed necessary for the lying of the Boats employed in that Ferry on the New-York side, during the said term.

"Your Committee, from their personal knowledge of Mr. Hone, are satisfied that the public will sustain no injury by placing this ferry under his direction, but they consider the Covenant above mentioned as unreasonable and not warranted by the small amount of rent reserved. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the lease to Mr. Stevens ought to be surrendered, and, upon payment of the said arrearages of rent, they recommend that a new lease be granted to Mr. Philip Hone for the term of Twelve years from the 1st day of May last, at the same rent and annual increase as was agreed to be paid by Mr. Stevens, and with the like covenants on the part of the Lessee as are contained in the said lease to Mr. Stevens, substituting however a good and substantial Team Boat, in the place of a Steam Boat as required by the said Lease.

[333] "The present landing place of the Ferry on this side of the River is at the foot of Murray Street, a situation too remote from the Market to afford proper accommodation to the Country people who bring their produce for sale, and is moreover destitute of every convenience for landing, having neither Piers, Floats nor Bridge. The situation at the foot of Vesey Street, where the petitioners are desirous of placing it, would obviate many of the difficulties which now exist: piers are already run out there, and it would afford a tolerable landing place at very little expence. But as that place is very much confined and constantly crouded with carts, and is immediately at the side of the Market, your Committee deem it an improper place for a ferry, and, under the circumstances they recommend that the said Ferry be permanently located at the foot of Barclay Street, as soon as the

ground in that vicinity shall have been filled in and properly regulated, and for that purpose that the right of the Corporation to the Bulkhead in front of that Street be granted to Mr. Hone during the said term, and in the mean time that the landing-place shall continue to be where it now is, at the foot of Murray Street: that the right of ferriage to be granted to Mr. Hone on the New York side shall extend [334] from the northerly bounds of the limits granted to the York and Jersey Steam Boat Company to the North Battery or Hubert Street."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" Jno. P. Anthony.

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Rodman Bowne, Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, reported:

"That by the original Contract, made with the petitioner at the time his Lease was granted, the Corporation stipulated to sink a narrow pier in the centre of Catharine Slip against which to rest the Float: but as such pier would be a permanent obstruction and render the Slip useless in case of a removal of the Ferry, at the suggestion of the then Ferry Committee and Street Commissioner, the Petitioner consented to substitute Chains and Anchors for his Float instead of the pier, which were provided and were to be kept in repair by the Corporation.

"Your Committee find that the petitioner has expended the sum of One hundred and eighty dollars seventy six cents in repairing those chains, and the further sum of Eight dollars [335] for repairs to the piers at his place of landing: That, in consequence of some objection by the Street Commissioner to the amount of the Bill presented to him for repairing the said chains, the petitioner was sued and put to the expence of Twelve dollars, amounting in all to the sum of Two hundred and six dollars seventy-six cents, which your Committee are satisfied ought to be refunded to him.

"The petitioner represents, that, in consequence of the Pier on the southerly side of Catharine Slip being too short, the bridges have been frequently injured by the Ice, and that the rapidity of the current is such as often to render it difficult and dangerous to land, of the truth of which your Committee are fully satisfied, and believe it to be the duty of the Corporation at no distant period to sink a Block of from forty to fifty feet at the end of that pier, unless the contem-

plated pier at Oliver Street shall be found to obviate the difficulties which now exist."

All which is respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" Jno. P. Anthony
Ferry Committee.

which report was approved.

[336] The Committee on Public Offices, on the subject of licensing Alien Cartmen, reported:

" That they have had under their consideration the annexed letter of his Honor the Mayor's on the subject of Alien Cartmen and the petition on behalf of certain Cartmen also annexed. Your Committee return these papers, and recommend to the Board that this subject be left exclusively with the Mayor, to act as he may deem expedient."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen.

which Report was approved.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for regulating Greenwich Street, reported:

" That they have examined the situation of the upper end of Greenwich Street, and are of opinion that it will be proper to turnpike the Street and to lay the Curb on the West side, which they presume will answer every purpose for the present, and until some of the cross Streets are opened and dug out to the River, when it may be permanently regulated agreeably to the petitioners' wishes.

" They would therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner [337] be instructed to cause that part of Greenwich Street between Bank Street and Greenwich Lane, at the intersection of the Ninth Avenue to be formed into a Turnpike Road, that the Curb Stone be laid on the West side, and the side walk gravelled, and that he prepare an Ordinance to that effect."

(sign'd) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Leonard Kip
" John McComb.

which Report was approved.

Mr. Allen presented the following: which was approved and a Warrant directed to issue:

" Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the Comptroller for

Four thousand one hundred and thirty nine dollars and fifty one cents, and that he be instructed to tender under direction of the Counsel to the owners of the premises required for the purpose of laying out a Slip between Catharine Slip and Oliver Street the amount of the sums of money which were awarded to them respectively by the Jury empannelled to assess their damages for their respective losses in consequence of causing their ground and premises to be converted to and used for a Slip by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York."

[338] Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution, on the subject of placing the granting of Booths under the direction of the First Marshall and High Constable. Alderman Mesier presented a Resolution directing that hereafter no booths be permitted to be erected without the special permission of the Common Council. The Resolution proposed by Mr. Stevens was laid on the table. It was then moved to refer the Resolution of Alderman Mesier to a Committee, which was negatived. The question was then taken on agreeing to the Resolution, and passed in the Negative. Mr. Stevens' Resolution was then called up and being read, was as follows:

"Resolved—that the granting permission for Booths or Stands on public days be hereafter done under the direction of the First Marshall and High Constable, and that the perquisites arising therefrom be equally divided between the said Officers: and further that it be the duty of the High Constable to prevent drunkeness and riot in and about such booths on all public days."

On the question of agreeing to the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Alderman King presented the following:

"Resolved—that it be referred [339] to a Committee to consider the expediency of prohibiting the sale of unwholesome Loaf Bread in this City, and of authorising the Inspectors of Bread to inspect the quality as well as the weight, and that the said Committee be authorized to report by ordinance or otherwise."

which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Laws.

Resolved—that the following be a Committee to make the accustomed arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence: Viz.

Aldermen Buckmaster King Thorp Mesier Mr Allen

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in the Treasury on 18th inst.....	54. 1
Received for Tax of 1817—8th and 10th wards.....	1739.39

Recd for Tavern Licenses	387.00	
" " Mayoralty fees	232.50	
" " Commut. Alien Pass	115.00	
" " Streets	820.89	
" " Penalties	46.28	= 3395.07

[340] Accounts Audited.

And. Van Orden, Keepr Battery 1 mo. to 15 May	45.94	
R. Munson, 5 casks oil, bought of M. Crosby	443.59	
Geo. Snethen, Supg & lightg lamps. 1 mo. to 1 June	758.45	
Hill and Ayres on account, for filling Basin at Dey St	1000.00	
Peter Debaum on account for regulating Hudson St	502.96	
Jacob C. Mott and Associates, for making sundry assessments	267.00	
Jas. Pinkerton, pav. Orange St. from Hester to Grand St	200.00	
Jas. Pinkerton, repairing Intersections of Streets	164.65	= 3382.59
Balance		$12.48

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

]341] In Common Council June 15. 1818

Present. The Honble C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss.	John P. Anthony
Robt. McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Francis A. Everard was received, stating that he had invented a machine for Sweeping Chimnies previous to the invention of Mr. Bruff now before the Common Council, and praying the Corporation to examine his Machine previous to their granting any exclusive privilege to Mr. Bruff.

A Report was received from the Keeper of the City Prison and Bridewell, agreeably to the Law of the Common Council made and provided, of the Prisoners confined [342] in said prison, detailing the

Crimes for which emprisoned, by whom committed, their Sex, Colour and State of Health; which was directed to be filed.

A Memorial was received from the Directors of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, lately incorporated in this City, stating that they have under their immediate care Sixty of those unfortunate beings, that the Subscription books of the Institution have been sometime opened but that the sums subscribed are quite inadequate to the purposes of the Society, and praying aid from the Corporation; which being read was referred to the following Committee:— viz. Mr. Allen, Ald. Van Amringe, Ald. Morss.

A Memorial from sundry Butchers holding Stalls in the Fly Market, complaining that Butchers are in the habit of purchasing small meats and selling them in the lower or Fish Market, under pretence of being agents for the Country people, and praying as there are many vacant Stalls in the upper Market that they may be compelled to sell their meat [343] at those Stalls, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Request of E. S. Lazarus, to be permitted to construct a Vault in front of a Lot in Hester Street between Broadway and Rynder Street opposite Crosby Street, and a similar request from Peter Jay Munro for a Vault in Walker Street at the Corner of Broadway, were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

An application from Brigham Howe, for permission to construct a cistern in Fulton Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Remonstrance of Richard Montgomery Livingston, complaining of an assessment for a Well in Dominick Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Communication from General Morton, stating that the Standard directed by the Corporation to be presented to the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel William L. Hunter was finished, and that the Regiment proposed parading on Thursday next to receive the same, and that the Officers requested the Common Council would honor them by dining with them on that day, was read, and the [344] arrangement proposed was agreed to.

Two Memorials from Sundry Bakers and Citizens, on the subject of frauds practised in Loaf Bread, were read and referred to the Committee appointed on that subject, Viz. Committee on Laws.

A Memorial from a number of Inhabitants of the Tenth Ward, stating that from the increased population of said Ward and other

considerations it was necessary that a Market should be erected for their accommodation, and praying that one may be erected in some central part of the Ward, was read and referred to a Committee consisting of the Aldermen and Assistants of the 10th, 8th and 7th Wards.

A Petition of Abraham Coddington, for appointment of Inspector of Lime, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Resignation from Samuel Thorne of the Office of Inspector of Lime was read and accepted.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Harlaem, that the Engine at present stationed in that village may be [345] exchanged for a larger one, as it is too small to answer any beneficial purpose, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Henry Fanning, Executor of Frederick Davoue, praying further time for payment of an assessment on property of Estate of said Davoue for opening Franklin Square, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Robert Polly, to be permitted to sell Earthen Ware on the side walks at Catharine Market, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition from James R. Mullany, for permission to erect Stairs on the outside of a Building to be used for a short time as an Office in Warren Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A further petition of John R. Livingston complaining of proceedings had against him on the subject of filling in certain Lots, and praying that a Suit against him may be discontinued, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition to pave Ludlow Street between [346] Delancy and Rivington Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that a Bridge may be built in Hudson Street over the Canal of Canal Street, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 8th Wards, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner, stating that, as the report of the Commissioners on opening 4th and Henry Streets, on enlarging a part of Spring Street and of Crosby Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, he would recommend that an order be given to proceed on said Reports—whereupon the Commissioner was referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Bond Street, which was confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for regulating Rivington Street, for paving Broadway and Spring Street, for a Well [347] and Pump in Leonard Street and in Goerck Street: whereupon warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the draft of a notice describing certain property assessed for opening the Third, Eighth and Tenth Avenues, also for enlarging and improving Chapel Street, concerning which he reported as follows:—

"The Collectors having used their best endeavours to collect the assessment, but without effect, as the property is in such a situation that the money cannot be obtained: He therefore respectfully suggests the propriety of an order being given to publish this notice, and to dispose of the property in conformity to the Law.

"He would also recommend that that part of the Harlaem Commons that was assessed for opening the Third Avenue be included in this notice, amounting to Seven hundred and forty nine dollars and thirty three cents, with the interest thereon since August 4th 1814.

(sign'd) Jno M^cComb,
St. Commissioner

whereupon he was directed to advertise the same for sale agreeably to Law.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Dennis M^cCarthy, reported:

"That he has viewed the pre- [348] mises, and would recommend that the request be granted on, the usual terms, as there is not room on the lot to sink a Cistern."

(signed) John M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector presented a Report stating that two lots fronting Northerly on Leonard Street are in a state of nuisance, and recommended that they be filled in, which was directed to be referred to the Street Commissioner to cause said lots to be filled and the expences to remain a lien on the same.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

A. Craig	Lessee.	48 Crosby St.	Lot.
A. W. Wesson	Occ.		
Vestry Trinity Ch.	Own.	Dominic St.	do
Thos. Barrow	Agt.		
Phil. Rhinelander,	Own.	312 & 314 Greenwich	do
Chs. Kohler	Own.	95 James St.	do
M. Bruce	Occ.		
J. Purdy	Own.	64 Pump St.	do
H. Purdy	Occ.		
G. Haight	Own.	Hester c. Forsythe	do
—— Perisan	Occ.		

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming, Cit. Insp.

which were passed.

[349] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies):

"Fire Engine Company No. 3."

Ab^m V^n Buskirk, Turner, Stone St. 1 Ward, vice Richard Morris, Resigned

Alph^s Johnson, Cabinet M^r Broad St. 1 ward, vice Hopkins Robertson, Resigned.

Pet. P. Bertine, Mason, Duane St. 5 ward, vice Jacob Clinch, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Geo. Colgate, Tallow Chandler, 8 Dutch St. 2 ward, an additional member.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 5."

W^m J. Willis, Account^t 32 Frankfort St. 4 ward, vice Robert Lamb, Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 13."

Robt. M. Hicks, Account. 31 Vandewater, 4 ward, vice Jas. Riker, Resigned.

Jac. S. Duryee, Grocer, William c. Fulton, 2 ward, vice Latham Stratton, ap. F. Warden.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 37."

W^m Bumsted, Sasher, Hester n. Eldridge, 10 ward, vice Thomas Parker, resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Linus K. Henshaw, Shoe Mr 175 Mott St. 8 ward, vice Freeman Bartholomew, Resigned.

[350] John Boman, Carver, Crosby n. Grand, 8 ward vice Henry Crum, Resigned.

Philip Derick, Cartman, 51 Orchard, 10 ward, vice David Porter, Resigned.

Isaac Coles, Flour Mercht. 54 Orchard, 10 ward, vice William Quirk, Resigned.

Philip Berry, Carpenter, 5 Spring St. 8 ward, vice Joseph Curtis, Expelled.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of employing an assistant to the Assessors, reported:

"That in their opinion the measures adopted to insure a correct assessment of the real estate in the outer wards of this City cannot be carried into effect without the employment of a proper person to give the necessary assistance to the Assessors. From the construction of the Map of the Tenth Ward, in particular, being in separate sheets, bound together in a Book, the Assessors are unable sufficiently to comprehend the several numbers and boundaries of the lots so as to complete their assessment with the correctness required.

"It has been represented to the Committee that Mr. Doughty, who made the Map of the Tenth Ward, is willing, for a reasonable compensation, to attend with the Assessors [351] daily until the books are completed.

The loss which has been sustained in consequence of assessing a number of lots to one person, when they were owned by several, together with the difficulties experienced by the Collectors for want of a proper designation of the property, is a sufficient inducement with the Committee to request that the Board will authorise them to employ, in such of the wards as in their opinion may require it, and with the consent of the Assessors, a proper person to assist in carrying into effect the plan adopted by the Board."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the new Loan-Officers of the County of New York, on the sub-

ject of the Mortgages on the property of the late A. L. Bleecker, reported:

"That the Manhattan Company hold a subsequent mortgage on the premises, and, to prevent the foreclosure threatened by the Loan Officers in their communication to the Board, have paid the interest to May 1818. They now offer to pay off the incumbrance on the property, provided the Corporation will execute [352] a transfer of their title to the company. The claims of the Corporation are as follows:

Two years' interest paid on Mortgage		$875.
Cost for advertising and selling		5.63
Canal Street Assessment	170.36	
Interest on do say	71.40	
		241.76
Regulating Bleecker St		131.75
		$1254.14

The Committee have understood that the only object the Board had in view in directing this property to be bought was to secure them from loss, which as Supervisors of the County they are bound to make good in cases where money was loaned on inadequate security by the Loan Officers. Assuming this as fact, the Committee presume there will be no objection to agreeing to the arrangement with the Manhattan Company: they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Finance Committee be authorised to complete the arrangement with the Manhattan Company, in relation to the property of the late A. L. Bleecker sold on a foreclosure of mortgage and bought in by order of this Board—provided the said Company shall pay all the claims the Corporation have on the said property." Respectfully [353] submitted.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Saml Akerly

which was approved, and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Walter Bowne for relief from payment of interest on an assessment for improving Franklin Square, reported:

"That they have good reason to believe, in more than one instance, the awards in favor of Mr. Bown have not been received by

him until some months after they became due, on which he neither expected nor required interest: it is but just therefore, as no interest was paid him in the cases alluded to, that none should be demanded in the present case. Under these impressions the Committee recommend that the Collector be directed to receive of Mr. Bown the principal of the Assessment, without demanding interest."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Letter of Judge Van Ness, reported:

"That they have had under [354] their consideration the annexed letter of the Honorable Judge Van Ness to the May[or] on the subject of the Clerk's Office of the United States' District Court.

"The conduct of the Clerk and his treatment of the Office are unexceptionable, as far as the information of your Committee goes, and the reasons which led your Committee to conclude that the Chief Justice of the State of New York should have a preference in the occupation of the room in question to the Clerk of the United States' District Court are mentioned in the previous report on this subject: and, that Judge Van Ness may be possessed of these reasons, which we presume have governed the Board, your Committee recommend that his Honor the Mayor furnish Judge Van Ness with copies of this and the previous report on this subject."

(signed) Samuel Stevens.
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Henry Rutgers and family, on the subject of arrears of taxes due, reported:

"That the facts connected [355] with this subject are as follows:—

"In the year 1811 the books of the Collector of that Ward were destroyed by fire, by which it became impossible to ascertain who were and who were not delinquent, and many were returned as such who in fact had paid the taxes on being called on by the Collector and held his receipt for the same. A large proportion of the property of Colonel Rutgers, on which arrears appear to be due, were under lease to the occupants and owners of the buildings, which leases have since

expired, and the buildings removed from the premises; in consequence of which, together with the death of some and the removal from the city of others, it has been impossible for the petitioners to identify the persons who in justice ought to be chargeable with these arrears. Under these circumstances the Committee have been led to view the case of the petitioners as a very hard one, and, pursuant to the discretion vested in them by the Board, have directed the Collector of arrears of taxes to receive from Colonel Rutgers the sum of Two hundred dollars, in lieu of Four hundred and Sixty one dollars nineteen cents, the amount returned as delinquent: which has been complied with accordingly and the account closed."

(sign'd) "Allen": "Munson": "Van Amringe": "Akerly."

which was approved.

[356] The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, on the petition of Christian Heiser, reported:

"That Mr. Heiser is the owner of a small triangular piece of ground on said corner, which is 4 feet in Hudson and 20 inches on Reed Street; that the larger part of the Street to be occupied by the vault will be the intersection of Hudson and Reed Streets:

"That your Committee have strong doubts on the propriety of granting permissions for vaults other than as appendages to buildings: that in the present case the ground is so very small as not to afford even a passage to the vault—the passage would have consequently to be in the street—this would both be an annoyance to the neighbourhood and also dangerous to passing along the sidewalk.

"From these considerations your Committee are of opinion that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the petition, and do therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

(sign'd) John Morss
Ald. 5 ward.
" J. J. Westervelt
Asst 5 ward

which report was approved.

[357] The Street Committee, on the Street Commissioner's communication respecting the situation of the grounds in front of Albany Basin, reported:

"That the nuisance ought to be immediately corrected—for which purpose they respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to have the bulkhead raised to its proper height, and the gutters laid so as to convey the water from the present pavement to

the Basin, and that the ground be raised where the same may be necessary to conduct the water into the gutters."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for paving Broadway, reported:

" That they have examined the same and are of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted."

(sign'd) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip.

approved, and an Ordinance directed therefor.

[358] The Street Committee, on the petition of the Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street, reported:

" That they have viewed the situation of Roosevelt Street and given the subject due consideration, and are fully of opinion that the houses should be removed and the improvement completed without delay— Most of the buildings were let under the condition that the tenants were to remove whenever the Corporation should direct, and several of the owners of the lots are anxious to commence building on the proper line.

" They therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to give the occupants notice to remove within 20 days from this day, and that he cause the buildings to be taken down and removed from off the street immediately after."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip

which was approved.

The Street Committee, on the petition of John Brown for altering the line [359] of Chatham Street, reported:

" That they have had the subject under consideration and are of

opinion that by the line of the accompanying profile it will fully appear that the alteration will add much to the appearance of that street: Therefore

"Resolved that the subject be referred to the Finance Committee, to treat with the owners of the property for the ground that is to be taken and report at our next meeting."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Samuel Akerly
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss.

which was approved, and it was referred to the Finance Committee accordingly.

The Street Committee and Canal Committee, on the petition for paving a part of Collect Street, reported:

"That they have viewed said street, and, from its very offensive situation, recommend that, so soon as a plan shall be agreed on for the regulation of said street, (which subject has been referred to the Canal Committee) that the Street Commissioner be directed to report an ordinance for paving said street from Pearl to the south side of Franklin Street."

(signed) Taylor, Morss, Parker, Akerly,
" Schieffelin, Kip, Underhill.

which was approved.

[360] The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, with the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, to whom it was referred to treat with the owners of the Bulk head and Pier near Minturn and Champlin's Wharf, reported:

"That they have received a Communication signed by all the persons interested in said Bulkhead and Pier, except one, offering to sell to the Corporation all their interests in said Bulkhead and Pier for the sum awarded by the Jury. Your Committee, under all the circumstances of the case, are not altogether satisfied to recommend the acceptance of their offer to the Board, as no testimony was adduced on the side of the Corporation to lessen the value of the property about to be taken.

"Therefore your Committee recommend that the Counsel take the necessary measures to summon a new Jury, to value the aforesaid property lying between James' Slip and the west line of John Clark's property on the East River.

"Your Committee farther recommend that the Counsel take the

necessary measures to set aside the proceedings in the Mayor's Court in relation to the Bulkhead, Pier &c. [361] between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Robert McQueen
" Jno. P. Anthony
" Stephen Allen.

which Report was approved.

Alderman Van Amringe presented the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that the Counsellor of the Board be instructed to proceed forthwith in the necessary legal measures to put the Board in possession of the property from the west side of John Clark's property and the Bulkhead or ground from said line westerly to the middle or half part of the Pier now or late the property of Minturn and Champlin together with the East half part or moiety of said Pier last mentioned."

On the question of agreeing to the same, and a Division having been called, it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Ald. Underhill, Morss, McQueen, Buckmaster, Taylor, Munson. Messrs. Stevens, Kip, Anthony, Westervelt, Board, Schieffelin Allen 13.

Affirmative. Ald. King, Van Amringe, Thorp, Messrs. Bolton, Parker, Akerly. 6.

[362] Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips be authorised to purchase of the proprietors, for public purposes, the Bulkhead and pier, or any part thereof, lying between the westwardly bounds of the property of John Clark and James' Slip—provided such purchase can be effected at a sum 25 per cent below the valuation of the Jury, and previous to any legal measures being taken by the Counsel to put the Corporation in possession of the same."

The Committee on Applications presented the following report:

"That they have now before them a number of applications for the appointment of public Weigh Masters

"That in their opinion the Law to regulate the same requires an alteration, inasmuch as they believe an entire change in that department would not only be of great advantage to the public, but individual interest might be better secured. They would therefore recommend to call in all the old Warrants, and that it should not be lawful

for any person to act as a pub- [363] lic Weigh Master after the day of unless he should be reappointed by the Board."

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effingham Schieffelin

which was agreed to, as modified by the following Resolution afterward presented:

"Resolved—that on and after the 1st day of August it shall not be lawful for any person to act as a public Weighmaster, unless he shall be reappointed by this Board—and that the Clerk of this Board give notice to the Weighmasters to bring in their warrants on or before the 15th day of July next."

The following Resolution was presented by Mr. Kip, and agreed to:

"Resolved that a special Committee be appointed to report to the Board a plan for the regulation and appointment of Public Weighmasters for the City and County of New York." Whereupon a Committee of the following persons was appointed:

Mr. Kip. Ald. Buckmaster King. Messrs. Board—Schieffelin—Committee on Weigh Masters.

[364] The Canal Committee, to whom with the Street Commissioner was referred the Petition for paving a part of Collect Street, presented a Report containing a plan for regulating Collect Street, which was read and laid for consideration, and fifty copies were directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The following Resolutions were presented and agreed to:

"Resolved—that the several City Guagers and Measurers of Grain and Coal be directed to report to the Clerk of this Board, by the 15th day of July next, their respective places of residence and occupations (if any) distinct from the duties of said offices: and that every person holding either of the said appointments, who shall fail to make such report by the time above specified, shall be deemed to have resigned his commission, and therefrom shall cease to execute the duties thereof."

"Resolved that the Inspectors of Lumber be required by public notice to report their several names to the Clerk of this Board on or before the 15th day of July, and in case [365] of neglect that the delinquents be considered as having resigned their commissions."

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to borrow on the

credit of the Corporation a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars, at an interest not exceeding six per cent per annum: and that the same be borrowed in such amount, and at such times, as the demands on the Treasury may require, and as the Finance Committee shall direct."

The Resignation of Abner Curtis as Register and Inspector of Dogs, presented on the day of was called up and accepted, and John Coffin was appointed to that office in his place.

A motion was made to take into consideration the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Law respecting Swine. On the question of considering the same, a division having been called, it passed in the negative:

N. { Ald. Morss, McQueen, Buckmaster, Taylor, Thorp, Munson.
Messrs. Anthony, Westervelt, Parker, Akerly, Board.

A King, Underhill, Vn Amringe, Bolton, Stevens, Kip, Allen.

[366] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th ins	$.12.48	
Recd for Rents	4722.74	
" " Tax 1817—6th ward	861.37	
" " Tavern Licenses	186.20	
" " Streets	2264.00	
" " Docks & Slips	100.00	
" " 8th Avenue	100.00	= 8246.79

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 dist	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd " 2 "	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower " 3 "	413.00	
Phil. Becanon, Bread Ir 1 qr. 10 June	92.10	
Steph. McCormick, Park K. 61 days. 1 do	91.50	
And. Vn Orden, Battery K. 1 mo. 15 ins	45.00	
Martin & Booth, 2 Stamps, Clk's Off	20.31	
Fred. Saunders, Watchman, Court Witness, 6th March	2.00	
R. Munson, Chn A. H. Committee for work 1st Avenue	700.00	
S. Allen, Chn Finance Comee Mortgage on lots by B. M. Vn Beuren	635.00	
Pet. De Baum, regg Hudson St	1000.00	
Jno. Sloan, do. Houston do	100.00	
Tucker & Mabie, rep. Drain, Mn Lane	31.00	
Jno. Gallagher, bal. Well, Dominick St	60.75	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup. Reprs. for Reprs	700.00	
Rich. Furman, Sup. A. House	2500.00	= 8191.41
	Balance	$55.38

Adjourned to Thursday next 12 o'clock.

[367] In Common Council June 18. 1818

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
E. W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to adjournment.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Street Committee relative to altering the line of Chatham Street, reported:

"That the Committee are uninformed by the paper referred to them which of the lines on the profile was fixed on by the Street Committee: they have therefore been guided by their own opinion on this subject, and have adopted that line drawn from the northeasterly corner of James Street, extending up Chatham Street 98 feet; which will permit Mr. John Brown to advance on Chatham Street at the corner of James Street 4 feet [368] and at the eastwardly line of his lot 2 feet 5 inches, and will add to his ground 168 square feet. The Committee are of opinion that Mr. Brown is benefitted by this addition to his property, together with the permission to advance on the Street, to the amount of Three hundred dollars: Mr. Brown however differs with the Committee, and is unwilling to give more than Two hundred and fifty dollars for the advantages to be derived from said improvement. The Committee, being unable to treat therefor, respectfully submit the subject to the decision of the Board, either to confirm their opinion as to the value of the benefit, or to accept of the offer made by Mr. Brown.

"The Committee farther state, that there are two lots to the east of the last mentioned property, which by the arrangement under consideration will have a small addition of ground on Chatham Street: The owners of this property have not been seen on the subject, and the Committee are unable to inform the Board what their opinions or intentions are as to the improvement under consideration."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly.

[369] The Chairman stated that since signing the Report he had seen Mr. Brown, who had acceded to the terms proposed by the Committeee: whereupon, the Report of said Committee was agreed to. Mr. Allen then presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that a Deed be prepared by the Counsel in favor of Mr. John Brown, quitting all claim of the Corporation to the piece of ground in front of his lot at the corner of James and Chatham Streets, as designated by the Report of the Finance Committee on that subject, for which the said Brown shall pay to the Corporation the sum of Three hundred dollars."

Alderman King presented the following, which was also agreed to:

"That the Finance Committee be authorised to treat for the sale of the ground immediately adjacent to the property of John Brown in Chatham Street, so that they may be made to pay at or after the same rate paid by Mr. Brown in advancing on the Street."

The Report of the Canal and Street Committee on the subject of Canal and Collect Streets was called up, and, after some discussion, Alderman King presented the following, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Report of the [370] Canal Committee on the subject of Canal Street be referred to the Street Commissioner, and that he be requested to suggest any alteration that he may deem expedient and to cause a plan or draft for the construction of the proposed Canal to be made and presented to this Board with all convenient speed, together with his opinion on the probable expence of building said Canal."

The Street Commissioner was particularly instructed to endeavour, at as early a day as possible, to present, if not a plan to regulate the whole of Canal Street, at least such a plan as may enable him to report an Ordinance for paving Collect Street agreeably to the report of the Canal and Street Committees on that subject.

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

[371] In Common Council June 22. 1818

Present. The Hble. C. D. Holden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Wm F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Jno. J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter from his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins, offering an elevated spot on his grounds at Staten Island as a Scite for signal poles free of expence, was read and referred to Aldermen Mesier, Buckmaster, Thorp, Underhill. Mr. Allen.

A Letter was received from John Coffin, resigning his appointment as Register &c. under the Dog Law, was read and accepted. And on motion Benjamin Watson was [372] appointed in his place.

A Petition of Samuel Evans, to be permitted to erect a small Ferry House at the foot of Walnut Street, for the accommodation of passengers, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Complaint against the Carmen resorting to Coffee House Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of W. Cornell for appointment as Wood Inspector: one of Thomas Cornwall for appointment as Superintendant of the Mud Machine: and one of Lewis Rogers for appointment as Street Inspector—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Communication of B. Skaats, Keeper of the Hall, recommending an advance of money to him for the purchase of Fuel for the City Hall, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to direct the purchase of such quantity as they should judge proper.

[373] A Request of John Sidell, First Marshall, to be informed what portion of the fees on Hack Licenses and Hack-Drivers was to be paid to him for his own use, was read and referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A Petition of Adam Hill and Phœbe his wife, in behalf of themselves and of Chapin Ward of Newtown State of Massachusetts, stat-

ing that George Ward brother of said Phœbe died intestate and that a balance of his Estate, amounting to Two hundred and fifty four dollars sixty six cents, has been paid agreeably to law to the Chamberlain, and praying the same may be paid to Petitioners as the legal representatives, was read and referred to the Comptroller to report.

The following petitions were read and referred to the Market Committee; viz.—of George Goodheart for Stall no. 54 in Washington Market; of Elias Deforest for the same; of Cornelius Vandenburgh (with a recommendation) for a Stall in the market about to be erected in the Tenth Ward; of Joseph Graaf to be restored to his Stall in Washington Market, for which Charles Gilman has taken out a License; and of Abraham Pierre, to continue selling Smoked Meat in Market.

[374] A Petition that Lawrence Street may be regulated and the Curb-Stone laid from Broome to Prince Street, and that a Well may be sunk at the corner of Lawrence and Spring Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the Carriage-Way of Hammond Street from Washington to Asylum Street may be laid was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Sarah Ver Plank, for permission for a Huckster's Stall in the Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

A Petition of Stephen Allen, for permission for himself and Catharine Marsellis to construct vaults in Beekman Street was granted on usual terms, under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a Committee, in behalf of the owners of lots at the Bowling Green, requesting that a plan for the Court yard in front of their Dwelling houses accompanying the petition may be accepted and acted on in lieu of the one [375] adopted by the Board in 1816 and filed in the Register's Office, was read and granted, under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Mallory, stating that a complaint had been made against him to the Attorney of his having permitted gambling in his house, and praying that a Committee be appointed to investigate the same, was read, and leave was given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition on behalf of Mary Green, stating that permission had been given her to construct a vault in Orange Street; that in computing the amount to be paid for the same a mistake had occurred, and a considerable sum more than the law required was paid, and the mistake

not discovered until the money had been paid into the Treasury, and praying that the proper officer may be directed to refund the same, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report thereon.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:—)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 33."

Geo. Mariner, vice Jos. Lyons Jr. Resigned.
[376] Abm. Craft, vice Isaac Jenkins, Resigned.
Robertson Clark, vice David Hart, Resigned.
Clark Peckham, vice John Halsey, Resigned.
Corn[s] Bogart, vice William Davis, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 34."

Hickson Wilson, vice Nathan Holden, Resigned.
Jas. W. Lynch, vice Adolph Brown, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances; which ordinances were passed.

Jno. A. King,	Own. & Occ.	89	Gold St.	Lot.
Jac. C. Mott	do do	37	Frankfort	do.
Elias Burger	Own.	182	Washington	do.
Dan. Abbott Par[s] Jackson	Les.	35	Cherry	do.
Phil. Rhinelander Almer	Own. Occ.	83	Barclay	do.
Robt. Brown	Own.		Collect	do.
Jas. Cowan	do		do	do.
And. Stockholm,	Own. or Ag.	508	Pearl	do.
And. R. Ogden Chas. Debost	Agt. Occ.	103	William.	Privy.
Jno. Jones A. Young	Own. Occ.	79	Wall	do.
[377] Jas. T. Bull,	Les. & Occ.	77	Wall St	do
W[m] Dening A. Rider	Own. Occ.	89	Murray	do
Will Denning Rob. Ferguson	Own. Occ.	91	do	do.
Jno. Waldron R. Devou	Own. Occ.	54	Ludlow St.	do.

(signed) Geo. Cuming. C. I.

The Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Counsel, on the petition of Dominick Lynch, reported:

"That Dominick Lynch by order of the Board made the whole of that part of Front Street which adjoins the Walnut Street Slip, altho' by his grant he was required to make but one half of it. The water at the head of the Slip would not have been sufficiently deep for the accommodation of vessels if the whole of Front Street had not been filled up. Under these circumstances the undersigned are of opinion that Mr. Lynch ought to be allowed the sum which he has thus expended beyond the requisitions of his grant, together with the interest which has accrued upon the same. They therefore respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be authorised to audit his account for such expences, and that they be allowed him: provided he pays forthwith the balance which is due from him to the Corporation, and the costs of the suit which has been com- [378] menced against him.

"With respect to the demand of Mr. Lynch for a piece of ground constituting a part of Orange Street, the undersigned are of opinion that he has no good claim upon the Corporation for the same. That ground was left open by him and was regulated by the Corporation under an impression that it was part of the Street: if it was not so, (which the undersigned do not admit to be the fact) the expence for taking it for that purpose ought to be borne by those who may be benefitted thereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the law, and not by the Corporation."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.
" G. N. Bleecker.
" Jno. McComb.

which was approved.

The Comptroller, on the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Health, reported:

"That he has examined an account exhibited by Thomas R. Smith, late Treasurer of the Board of Health, with the vouchers accompanying it, from the 18th June 1816 to the 12th June 1818. He received by Warrants Two thousand three hundred dollars, and from Peter McCartee former Trea- [379] surer Forty seven dollars eighty two cents making Two thousand three hundred and forty seven dollars eighty two cents. He paid out agreeably to vouchers Two thousand and sixty eight dollars sixty three cents, leaving a balance on hand of

Two hundred and seventy nine dollars nineteen cents which has been paid over to Alderman Munson Treasurer of the Board of Health."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller presented a Release of Quit Rent on Water Lots in the First Ward granted on 3d February 1773 to David Provoost commuted for by a Deed of Release to Isaac Heyer, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, stating that Mrs. Downey, who had been ordered to remove a house from the Bowery, had refused to comply with the order, and requesting further instructions, was referred to the Counsel with directions to take legal measures for removing the same.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving the Intersection of Provost and Franklin Streets, and [380] for regulating Collect Street, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to order, presented a report on the subject of Canal and Collect Streets. The Report of the Canal Committee on that subject was called up. After some consideration it was resolved that so much of said report as relates to paving Collect Street to Franklin Street be approved; and it was ordered that said report, together with the report of the Canal Committee, be referred to the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner for further consideration, and that they report thereon at the next meeting of the Board; and the said subject was made the order of the day at the next meeting. It was also requested of the Committee that they would in their report state what proportion of the expence of said improvement should be borne by individuals to be benefitted thereby and what by the public.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Brigham Howe, reported that Mr. Howe had not room for a Cistern on his lot, and he therefore [381] recommended that he have permission to construct one under the Street—which report was approved.

The Street Commissioner, on the subject of Mrs. Morrell's Lot in Rose Street, reported:

"That some time since an agreement was made with Mrs. Morrell for a Lot of ground in Rose Street for the purpose of erecting two Engine houses thereon. The size of the lot was taken at that time (from what now appears to be an imperfect sketch of the property)

to be 25 feet front by 53 feet deep. Since the first of May the building that was on it has been removed, and the lot surveyed: by which it appears that the lot is 25 feet in front and 39.5′ in the rear, and 54 feet deep. As there are infants interested in this property, it became necessary to make an application to the Court of Chancery to enable them to make sale of their share, which has been done, and an order has been obtained for that purpose: but the description of the lot corresponded with the sketch first made, being 25 feet front and rear and 53 feet deep. This proceeding has been done in good faith at the expence of the Infants: They are now willing to convey the residue of the lot on condition that the Corporation will pay the expence of the second application which will not exceed fifty dollars, and [382] to allow the grantors to retain a triangular piece of the lot, of 5 feet on Rose Street running to a point 25 feet back, as shaded red on the sketch herewith, by which the Corporation will gain about one sixth more ground than was at first supposed to be in the lot, as it will then be 20 feet front, 39′. 5″ rear, 54 feet on the North Side and 50 feet on South side."

(signed) Jno. McComb.

Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on the Fire-Department, with authority to make such agreement respecting the purchase of said Lot as to them should appear just and equitable.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition relative to completing South Street, reported:

"That they have maturely considered the subject of the Memorial and are fully of opinion that in consequence of the many improvements about to take place in that vicinity, it is rendered necessary that South Street should be completed east to the east line of Jno. Clark's property and adjoining the waters about to be taken by the Corporation between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street for a [383] public Basin or Slip. In so doing there will be made a Bulk head along aforesaid water or Slip of about Eighty feet and will be a substitute for all the purpose of accommodation for the present and for some time to come.

"Your Committee offer the following Resolution:—Resolved—that all the proprietors or owners of Water-lots between Dover Street and the east line of John Clark's property adjoining the water about to be taken for a publick slip be directed to complete and finish the Bulk-head of South Street to the aforesaid line by the 1st day of November next: and that the said proprietors or owners of Water Lots be also directed to cause the same to be filled in to the Bulk-head

of South Street by the 1st of July 1819 under the direction of the Street Commissioner and in conformity to the Map annexed: also that the Street Commissioner be directed to draft an Ordinance in the usual way, in conformity to the aforesaid Resolve and to carry the same into effect."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

Alderman Munson presented the following:

"Resolved—that the Road Committee [384] be empowered to shut up so much of the Third Avenue as may be thought proper, while the Convicts may be employed thereon—say from Bowery to 28th Street": which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution—which was agreed to:

"Resolved—that the Board of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening &c. Harman Street, and the like Board for closing, opening &c. Dover Street, and the like Board for closing and opening Oliver Street have permission as such Commissioners, and for no other purpose, to occupy the Room No. 2 Basement floor of the City Hall now occupied by Mr. Gilbert Collector of Taxes and by Mr. Jarvis Collector of the Canal Street Assessments during the pleasure of the Common Council: Provided such company shall not in any manner interfere with, interrupt or molest the said Collectors or either of them in the use of said Room."

Alderman King presented an Ordinance entitled "A Law to amend a Law concerning Dogs" which was passed.

The Comptroller reported, as follows:

[385] Balance in Treasury 15th ins	55.38	
Recd Tax 1817—5th ward	2000.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.00	
" Wells and Pumps	400.00	
" Docks and Slips	550.00	
" Streets	2375.37	
" First Street	181.64	
" Eighth Avenue	400.00	
" Tenth Avenue	100.00	
" Loan of Mechanics' Bank	12000.00	=18,562.39

Accounts Audited.

Ogden Edwards, Counsel, 1 qr. Salary—27th May	125.00	
Jno. J. Astor, Rent—ground—Spring St. Watch house—1 year—1 May 1818	30.00	
Jos. Perrigo & Jno. D. Crygier, Watchmen as Witnesses 5th inst	4.00	
Geo. Storm, 1500 loads earth, lot Budd St. refundd by Trinity Chch.	206.37	
J. Haviland, Hose for Engines & reprs. 5 Jany. to 30 April	694.38	
Thos. Franklin, 26 loads wood for Engine houses	112.94	
Jno. McComb, Overseer of roads, on account repairs	500.00	
Jno. Sloan, bal. Well, Wooster St	65.88	
Jno. Gallagher, Well, King St	39.38	
Jno. Sloan, regg Houston St	100.00	
Jno. Stanley, do. Bond St	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, do. Collect St	200.00	
Hugh. Smith do Leonard St	200.00	
H. Smith, reg. Leonard, fr. Elm to Orange	200.00	
[386] Pet. Parcells, regg Sts. Greenwich V	300.00	
Jos. Willoughby, reg. Hammond St	300.00	
Corlis & May, flagg B'Way	631.20	
Geo. Lovett, 1st instalt Pier—Spring St	3475.00	
Hill & Ayres, fillg Basin, Dey St	1000.00	
Jno. McComb, St. Comr to pay bills for earth in basin Charlton St	500.00	
Jas. Vincent, earth deposited in Block—Charlton St	400.00	
Thos. McCready, delivg Tickets for fillg block—Charlton St.	37.50	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Repairs—for Docks & Slips	1300.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Reprs	350.00	
Jac. P. Roome do Lamps	200.00	
Rich. Furman, Sup. Alms' house	7000.00	=18,171.65
Balance		$390.74

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[387] In Common Council June 29. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Patrick Byrnes, stating that he is seized in right of his Wife of a Lot in Mott Street upon which has been assessed the sum of Twenty seven dollars seven cents for improving Mott Street, that petitioner is in very indigent circumstances, and praying relief: Whereupon—resolved that the Collection of said Assessment be delayed, and that the sum due remain a lien on the said lot.

A Memorial from sundry owners of property to be taken for opening the Sixth [388] Avenue, stating that in their opinion the plan for improving said Avenue would be altered for the better by extending the Avenue the width of Seventy feet from Greenwich Lane to its junction with Carmine Street, instead of carrying down said Avenue One hundred feet as contemplated, and praying said alteration may be made, was received:—which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Trustees of the New York Free School, that the garret of the Engine House at Greenwich may be lathed and plaistered for the farther accommodation of said School, was read and referred to the following Committee, with authority to grant the request of the petitioners:—Viz. Ald. Thorp Mr. Schieffelin Ald. Munson

A Petition of Lynde Catlin for permission to construct a Vault in Cliff Street, and of Jesse Scofield for a Vault in Park Place, were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in [389] Cherry Street between Scammel and Walnut Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A further petition of Colonel James Murray for a Standard for

the Regiment under his command was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter from Mr. Mezzara addressed to the Mayor, on the subject of a fine imposed on him by the Court of Quarter Sessions on conviction for a libellous painting, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Harriot Babcock, a native of England, for some pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Chauncey Hall, offering a plan for the defence of Harbours, was read and referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Letter from Thomas Nixon, remonstrating against the proposed regulation of raising Pine Street between Pearl Street and the River, and a Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants on the same [390] subject, were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Presentment from the Grand Jury at the June Sessions, stating their opinion that the present Watch system was insufficient, and recommending that the Police Magistrates should be consulted on a new arrangement of the same—recommending also that the Marshals & Constables should be directed to patrole the streets on Sunday and take up and commit all vagrants and disorderly persons, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Henry Bonta for relief from a fine imposed on him by the Clerk of the Market for forestalling for purchasing butter for sale previous to the hour prescribed by Law, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry boatmen concerned in bringing Stone to Market for sale for the appointment of an Inspector of Stone, was read and referred to—Alderman Morss Alderman Thorp Mr. Westervelt.

[391] A Petition of Caleb Coffin, for the appointment of Measurer of Grain, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Joseph Dean for permission to remove a Wooden Building from Chamber Street to Spring Street, and a similar one from John Lovett to remove a stable from a Lot in Orange Street, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards, with authority to grant the prayers of the petitioners.

A Request of the New York State Society of Cincinnati, for the use of a Room to hold their annual meeting in on the 4th of July next, was presented, and the Mayor's Court Room was assigned to them for that purpose.

A Remonstrance against the Continuance of the Hackney Stands in Broad Way was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial was received from John Hopper, stating that he had received an order from the Street Commissioner to remove certain materials from ground in front of Petitioner's house alleged to be the Street: that petitioner is satisfied said ground is the property of petitioner, [392] and not belonging to the Public, and praying a Committee may be appointed to investigate the same. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Laws and the Counsel.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Bulkhead and making South Street from Dover Street to the Easterly side of John Clark's property, which was read and the consideration postponed.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Orange Street from Hester to Grand Street, and for a Well and Pump in King Street, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in the former and Morris De Camp in the latter.

He also presented an Ordinance for paving Collect Street from Pearl Street to the northerly side of Franklin Street, which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Mary Green, reported:—That

"Permission was given to Mary Green to build a vault in front of Lot No. 17 Orange Street. The agent of [393] Mrs. Green, one of the persons named in the petition applied for "as much ground as the Law would allow him." The street being 40 feet wide, 16 feet, being $\frac{2}{5}$ths of the whole width, was accordingly allowed, and the calculation made on 16′ by 26 feet, and the money paid to the City Chamberlain. Some days after, one of the petitioners called at the Office and stated that he had paid for more ground than was wanted for the vault, and requested a return of the surplus money. The Street Commissioner did not feel himself authorised to do so, and recommended as the proper course an application to the Board.

"The Street Commissioner feels confident that no error has been committed by "An Officer of your honorable body," as stated by the petitioner, but the error if any has been wholly on the part of the Agent for Mrs. Green, in asking for and paying for more ground than was wanted.

"When the vault is built and the size ascertained, the Street Com-

missioner would recommend that a Warrant be issued for the difference."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) John M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved.

[394] The Comptroller reported a Release for quit rent to Philetus Havens on a Water Lot granted to Charity Montagne, it having been commuted for by him:—which was directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:—which were passed—Viz.

Peter Jay	Own.	87 Greenwich St.	Lot.
C. Batch	Occ.		
Hen. Pope	Own.	32 Oak St	"
Mrs. F. Taylor	Les.		
E. Gardner	Occ.		
Mr. Burton	Own.	60 Gold St.	Privy.
W^m Corlies	Agt.		
John Carroll	Occ.		
Hen. Pope	Own.	32 Oak St.	"
Mrs. F. Taylor	Les.		
E. Gardner	Occ.		

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspect^r

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Directors of the Institution for the relief of the Deaf and Dumb, presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of John Sidell relative to [395] fees from Hack Licenses, reported:

"That they have made the necessary enquiry relative to the duties and compensation of the First Marshall, and in their opinion the compensation he receives is very moderate, when compared with the duty he performs: and when it is recollected also that one of the sources from which he drew a part of his income, and which he had good reason to calculate on, has been applied to another object by order of the Board, it is but reasonable, in the opinion of the Committee, that his request should be granted: they therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the first Marshall be authorised to retain, as a perquisite for his services, from the amount received for each Hackney

Coach License 25 cents, and in like manner. for each Hackney Coach Driver's License 25 cents."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of R. M. Livingston, relative to a Well & Pump in Dominick St. reported:

" That they have carefully examined the Assessment for the said [396] Well & Pump, and are satisfied that the same has been fairly and impartially made and that the petitioner has no reasonable ground of complaint in respect to it. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

" Resolved—that the Assessment for the Well and Pump in Dominick Street appears to be fair and equitable, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" E. W. King
" Thos. Bolton
" Jno. P. Anthony

which was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward, to whom was referred the petition of James R. Mullany, presented a Report. which was read and referred back to the same Committee with the addition of Alderman Morss as a member. The last named Committee immediately reported:

" That they have enquired into the case of the petitioner, and find he has erected a Stairs in the street contrary to an Ordinance of this Board, and therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be direct- [397] ed to cause the same to be removed."

(signed) John Morss
" Leonard Kip

which was agreed to.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition for a Market in the Tenth Ward, reported:

" That the Committee have viewed that part of the City and its vicinity referred to by the petitioners, in order to ascertain whether

the public convenience required the accommodation requested, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. A large proportion of the inhabitants of this section of the City are mechanics and labouring men, who reside from half a mile to one mile and a half from any of the markets now established: the inconvenience experienced by these citizens, whose time is of the utmost importance to them, may be easily conceived, particularly as the privilege heretofore permitted of selling meat at dwelling-houses in that part of the city has been peremptorily refused by the Board.

"The Committee are of opinion that where accommodations of the kind under consideration can be afforded at a moderate expence, they ought to be granted: and as the present one is of importance to the inhabitants of the upper parts of our City and will only cost about seven hundred [398] dollars, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that a market house 40 feet by 20 be erected on the centre of Grand Street, between Ludlow and Essex Streets in the Tenth ward of this City.

"Resolved—that the Street Commissioner issue proposals and receive estimates in the usual way for the building of said Market, under the direction of the Committee on that subject and the Superintendant of Repairs."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Jacob B. Taylor
" David Board
" Samuel Akerly.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of Edmund C. Genet, reported:

"That the Committee consider it unnecessary to consume the time of the Board by discussing the principles attempted to be established in said Communication. They beg leave to state, however, that the 42[d] Section of the Act for the assessment and collection of Taxes, if duly enforced by the assessors, will in a great measure, if not altogether, remedy the evil complain- [399] ed of by the said Genet. The subject, however, in the opinion of the Committee, more properly belongs to the supervisors of the County: they therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the annexed communication from E. C. Genet be referred to the Supervisors of the City and County of New York."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Resolution relative to the High Constable's being allowed a Salary, reported:

"That they have maturely considered the subject, and altho' they are sensible of the merits of that officer they are nevertheless of opinion that it would be improper to grant him a yearly salary.

"The fees allowed the High Constable, it is presumed, are a sufficient compensation for the performance of his ordinary duty: and the Committee believe he has no reason to complain of the liberality of the Corporation whenever his exertion has been required on extraordinary occasions. The object of the Committee is to stimulate the exertions, not only of the High Constable, but of every officer connected with our City Police by holding [400] out to them a prompt and ample recompence for their services on all occasions where any extraordinary exertions and vigilance have been used in detecting offenders against the laws. To effect this, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Police Committee be directed to report to this Board any extraordinary services performed by the High Constable and Marshalls, as often as it shall occur, and recommend what, in their opinion, is the amount of compensation proper to be allowed them for such services."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was agreed to; and on motion the former Resolution passed on the subject was rescinded.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Joseph Hyde for Stall No. 19 Catharine Market reported in his favor and that a License should be granted to him for said Stall; which report was approved and a License directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Canal Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the [401] Report of the Canal Committee on the subject of a plan for regulating Canal and Collect Streets and also the Report made

thereon by the Street Commissioner, presented a Report. The Reports of the Canal Committee and of the Street Commissioner referred to in said Report were as follows:

I. "Report of the Canal Committee."

June 15. 1818.

"They have given the subject that deliberate consideration which its importance requires, and, after having examined and considered on the several plans and surveys in the Street Commissioner's Office, do recommend the adoption of the following outlines of a plan for regulating said streets: to wit—the water to pass on the surface of Collect Street to Canal Street, the gutter or kennel of Collect Street to be in the middle of the Street and to be formed with cut stone not less than six inches thick and of a suitable width, a common sewer to commence at the head of Canal Street at Collect Street and to be continued to the River.

"By the Surveys in the Street Commissioner's Office, it appears the kennel at the intersection of Collect and Pearl Streets is about 10 feet above high water mark, and the distance to the River is about 5600 feet: it is intended to give Collect Street, from Pearl street to Canal [402] Street, a distance of 1400 feet, a descent of 4 feet, which is 3½ inches on an 100 feet. The bottom or floor of the sewer, where it commences at the head of Canal Street, to be laid 3 feet 3 inches below the kennel of Collect Street from its head to Chapel Street, a distance of 1800 feet, to have a descent of 2½ inches on the 100 feet, which will bring the floor of the sewer at Chapel Street about 1 foot below high water mark from Chapel Street to the contemplated permanent line on the Hudson River, which is 2400 feet, to have a descent so that its floor at its discharge into the river will be 3½ feet below high water mark: the dimensions of the sewer will require to be at its head 8 feet wide and 6 feet high, at Broadway 10 feet wide and 7 feet high, which will conform to the present regulation of Broadway, at Chapel street to be 12 feet wide and 7 feet high, and at its discharge into the river 16 feet wide and as high as the nature of its situation there will possibly admit: the sides of the sewer to be built with large blue building stones, to be from 3 to 4 feet high and from 2 to 3 feet thick: the floor to be laid with flagging with a cut stone gutter in the centre: the [403] arch to be of brick 12 inches thick and to have openings of about 2½ feet square every 100 feet, for

the conveniency of cleaning. The foundation for about 1000 or 1200 feet will require to be timbered with square timber, laid cross ways the whole width of the sewer including the walls. The Committee have been induced to go thus far into detail, in order to estimate with some precision its probable expence: this they find by estimation will cost from 15 to 20 dollars per foot, say 17 dollars and 50 cents; which for the whole distance, which is 4200 feet, will come to 71,500 dollars, in addition to which a small sewer will be required on Chapel Street, of about 400 or 500 feet in length, and another on Thompson Street. of about the same length; these will cost about 6000 or 8000 dollars, so that the whole expence may be fairly estimated at 80,000 dollars, and which sum your Committee are well satisfied will be amply sufficient to complete the same.

"By this regulation Canal Street will be made one of the handsomest streets in the City, and it is our decided opinion that a lot of ground on it would be worth nearly double as much as if the water was carried above the surface thro' a deep kennel in the centre of the street: from which consideration we do think that the proprietors of the lots of ground [404] can well afford to pay a very large proportion if not all the expence, which would be about Two hundred and fifty dollars a lot."

(signed) John Morss
" Jac. B. Taylor
" A. L. Underhill
" Shivers Parker
" Eff. Schieffelin
" Sam[l] Akerly.

II. "Report of the Street Commissioner."

June 22. 1818.

"He has devoted all his spare time to the subject, and is of opinion that the plan as a general one will answer the purpose intended and is the best, taking all the circumstances of the case into view, that can be devised and which will give satsfaction to the public as well as to the proprietors of the adjacent property.

"It is now proposed to have a simple sewer: the size that is described will have a capacity, I presume, amply sufficient to carry off all the water that will have to pass through this sewage as quick as it may fall, making a large allowance for the worst contingent that may happen: and by keeping the sewer low a great advantage will result

to those in the vicinity, by being able to drain all the cellars in the [405] streets that border on the sewer.

"The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the sewer must be continued up Collect Street for about 450 feet or within 1000 feet of Pearl Street, which he presumes will be as far as the water of Collect Street can be conveyed on the surface as to keep the pavement of a convenient form for passengers and carriages to cross without bridges: at which point the sewer should commence, the size to be 6 feet by 5′, regularly increasing to Canal Street, where the dimensions will be 8 feet by 6′ as described by the Committee. He would also recommend that a Sluice Gate be fixed at the end next the river in order to retain the water to its full height, so as to scour the outsall at suitable times: and that grooves be worked in the walls at suitable distances for fixing Stop Gates, for the purpose of forming a scour thro' the sewer at the ebb of every spring tide, if it should be found by experience that the weight and velocity of the water does not keep the sewer clean.

"A number of things might be pointed out as requisite to be attended to at the commencement of this work; but as they relate chiefly to the execution he forbears to mention them at present, as the time allowed him has not permitted him to make out a [406] plan, or to go into a particular examination of the expence, but presumes it will not exceed that computed by the Committee.

"One thing he must beg leave to suggest as to the execution of the work, that it ought to be of the best, both as to work and materials; that it ought to be placed under the particular care and direction of a competent workman, as the success of this undertaking is of too great consequence to be trusted to job work, and as it will require much more care and attention than can be expected if done by contract.

"He can see no objection to putting this work into immediate execution, the improvements at each end of the line call loudly for its completion, and the work at both ends may be going on at the same time."

(signed) J. M^{c}Comb.
St. Comm^{r}

on which Reports the above named Committee composed of the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner, reported:

"That they have attentively considered the said reports, and are

of opinion that the plan therein recommended is the best under all the circumstances of the case that can be devised. The Committee do [407] therefore recommend that the same be adopted, and for which purpose they beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that Collect Street be so regulated as to carry the water on the surface from Pearl Street to within 450 feet of Canal Street, with a descent of 4 inches on the 100 feet: that 450 feet of Collect Street and the whole line of Canal Street be regulated with a common sewer: that the floor of the sewer at its head on Collect Street be laid 3 feet 6 inches below the kennel of the Street at that point and to have a descent from its head to Chapel Street of 2½ inches on the 100 feet, or so that its floor at Chapel Street will be 1 foot below high water-mark, from Chapel Street to the Hudson River to have a descent so that its floor on the River will be 3 feet 6 inches below high water mark: that the dimensions of the sewer at its head on Collect Street be 6 feet wide and 5 feet high: at Canal 8 feet wide and 6 feet high; at Broadway 10 feet wide and 7 feet high; at Chapel Street 12 feet wide and 7 feet high, and on the River to be 16 feet wide and as high as the situation will possibly admit. That a sewer be made in Chapel Street from Canal street to the centre of the Block between [408] Lispenard and Walker Streets; to be 5 feet wide and 4 feet high at its head and 6 feet wide and 6 feet high at its junction with the sewer on Canal Street; its floor to have a descent of 2½ inches on the 100 feet. That a sewer be made in Thompson Street from Canal to the centre of the block between Grand and Broome Streets, to be of the same dimensions and to have the like descent as the sewer on Chapel Street."

(signed) John Morss
" Jac. B. Taylor
" A. L. Underhill
" Shivers Parker.
" Jno. M^cComb
St. Com^r

upon the question of agreeing to the latter report, it was carried in the Affirmative.

A Resolution directing a reservation of parts of the waters of the North and East Rivers for public Basins was presented and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Mr. Allen presented the following:

"Resolved. that it be referred to the Street Committee and Street

Commissioner to enquire and report [409] on the expediency of regulating and laying the Curb Stone of Grand Street from the Bowery to the East River."

which was agreed to.

A Resolution proposing to reduce the number of the Road Committee to three was presented and negatived.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be requested to purchase an Eight-day Clock to be placed in his Honor the Mayor's Office.

Alderman King presented a Law entitled "A Law to prevent the firing of Guns and discharging of Rockets, Squibs, Crackers and other Fire-works," which was read by paragraphs and passed—and the Law entitled a "Law to prevent the firing of Guns," passed 5th May 1817, being the 46th Chapter of Revised Laws, was repealed.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d	$390.74	
Recd for Rents	2884.26	
" " Tax 1817. 5 & 8 wards	1558. 3	
" " Streets	3200.	
" " Intestate Estates	1032.73	
" Loan of Mechanic's Bank	8000.	17,065.76

[410] Accounts Audited.

Hannah Courtney, rec. ground—slip bet. Catharine Slip & Oliver St. pd 26 ins	1852.50
Jno. G. Coster do do	1852.50
Anderson & Walton, Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, do 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, " 3d "	413.
Wm J. Waldron, Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1 July	52.
Obadh Ayres, do do do	52.
Saml Hutchings, St. Inspr " "	52.
Jonath. Weeden do " "	52.
Astin & Cochrane, Messengers " "	60.
Steph. McCormick, Park Keeper " "	45.
B. Skaats, purchase fuel for City Hall	800.
Ald. Munson, 47 Casks oil, bot. of M. Crosby	1771.43
Ald. Munson, 1 bbl. Spirits bot. of J. West	30.12
Geo. Snethen, supg & lightg lamps, 1 mo. 1 July	696.10
J. McComb, S. C. payg filling basin, Charlton St	1000.
Thos. Barnum, supg Piers, 24 days 28 inst	48.
Pet. Debaum, acct. regg Hudson St	1000.
Amos Corning, Surveys, profiles, & Maps to 1 May 1818	894.53
John Stanley, acct. Bond St	200.00

Chs. Mooney, acct. pavg Franklin St	200.00	
Thos. Scott, bal. pavg Lombardy St	85.13	
Jas. Pinkerton, pavg Intersections	79.55	
Corns Clark, repg do	4.68	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup. Reprs. payg Masons' work at Engine house—Greenwich	260.	
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms' House	3700.	17,001.29
Balance		$=64.47

Adjourned to this day fortnight 5 o'clock.

VOLUME THIRTY-SIX

OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

July 4, 1818 to December 21, 1818

[1] In Common Council July 4. 1818.
Steam Boat Connecticut, N. Y. Harbour.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Geo. B. Thorp	David Board
	Stephen Allen.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received a general order issued by the Governor and Comander in Chief, directing Funeral honors to be paid to the Remains of the late Major General Richard Montgomery, which in pursuance of a Law of the State of New York had been removed from the City of Quebec and were to be deposited in St. Paul's Church in this City near the Monument [2] erected to his Memory by the Congress of the United States and also communicating the Order of the Society of Cincinnati to whom the direction of said Funeral Solemnities were committed. Whereupon it was Resolved that a Committee be appointed, with authority to carry into effect the directions of the Executive on said subject and also all regulations that may be directed by the Society of the Cincinnati on said subject. The Committee appointed were The Recorder. Alderman Munson Van Amringe King Mr. Westervelt.

Adjourned.

[3] In Common Council July 13. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	David Board
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Jacob B. Taylor	
Geo. B. Taylor	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of John Brower for appointment of Weigh Master, and a further petition of John Lace to be appointed an Inspector of Bread, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

[4] A Petition of John Simonson for a Stall in the new Market about to be erected in Grand Street, a similar one from William Vandenbergh, and a similar one from James Vandenbergh, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from William Butler, stating that a complaint had been made against him of not having his weights of the Standard prescribed by Law, and praying the subject may be enquired into, and a similar petition from Gardner G. Howland—were read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Christopher Heiser was received, stating that in June 1817 he purchased at auction from the Corporation a small piece of ground at the corner of Hudson and Read Streets with an intention of purchasing the adjoining ground but that the same went for a larger sum than he was willing to give: that he lately applied for permission to construct a vault in front of his lot, which was [5] denied to him: he therefore requested the Corporation would repay to him the sum paid by him and his expences on reconveying to them the ground. Upon reading whereof it was resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Edward S. Cory, stating that he is master of the Schooner Lord Wellington: that he has been sued by the Attorney of the Corporation for the sum of Ten thousand dollars for landing passengers at Norwalk in Connecticut; that he brought said passengers in

said vessel by order of his owners from St. John's and landed them by like order at Norwalk, not knowing it was contrary to Law, and praying to be permitted now to report said passengers and give bond for them or pay the Commutation allowed by the Resolution of the Common Council, was read and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

Petitions of William and Gerardus Post for permission to construct vaults opposite [6] Nos. 57 and 59 Fulton Street, and a similar one from Stephen Gorham for a Vault in Warren Street, were granted upon the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition fom Owners of property in the neighbourhood of Roosevelt Street, remonstrating against extending South Street from Dover Street to John Clark's property as proposed by the Report of a Committee on that subject, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves and the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward.

A Petition of Hugh Maxwell, stating that through mistake the Stoop of his house in Hester Street extends farther than is authorised by Law and praying to be exempted from the penalty incurred, which being received was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Charles McCarty praying that for sundry reasons the sum assessed upon the [7] property he holds under Lease from the Corporation for improving Roosevelt Street may be remitted, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Vestry Street may be regulated and the Carriage Way paved from Hudson Street to Washington Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants and owners in the vicinity of Market Street, praying said street may be widened to sixty feet was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Provoost Street, praying the Side-Walks may be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Simeon Freeland to be employed as a Lamp-lighter was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[8] A Petition of Stephen S. Clay to be appointed one of the City Weighers, was read and referred to the Special Committee on Weighmasters.

A Petition of Benjamin Birdsall for further allowance on his

Contract to furnish Iron Railing in front of the City Hall, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A further petition of James R. Mullany on the subject of Stairs erected by him in Warren Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed: Viz—for regulating Grand Street from Forsyth to Suffolk Street; for regulating and paving Ludlow Street from Delancey to Rivington Street—in which Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors: for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street between Scammel and Walnut Streets—in which [9] Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for paving Broadway from Bleecker to Art Streets, in which John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Water Street from Clinton to Corlaer's Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents for Assessments for a Well and Pump in Laurens Street, for a Well and Pump in Jay Street, and for paving Orange Street. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

He also presented a Return of property on which sundry Assessments had been laid, and which remained unpaid; and he recommended that the said property be advertised and sold agreeably to the law in that case made and provided—which was approved, and he was directed to sell [10] the same, previously advertising.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report, respecting property sold for Assessments, which was approved and the publication directed to be made as in said Report mentioned: which report was: "That on the 6th of March 1817 a considerable deal of property was sold for the payment of sundry Assessments, and the certificates thereof given agreeably to the Law passed on April 12th 1816, by which it is also enacted that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York shall, at least six months before the expiration of two years after any such sale, cause an advertisement to be published, at least once in each week, for four weeks successively, in the news-paper printed by the printer to this state, and in one of the public newspapers printed in this City, in such form as they shall deem best calculated to give notice of such sale; and that unless the lands sold be redeemed by a certain day they would be [11] conveyed

to the purchaser; and if the person claiming title to the said lands and tenements, or some one on his or her part, shall not within two years from the date of the Certificate pay to the Street Commissioner of the City of New York, for the use of the purchaser, his executors, administrators or assigns, the sum mentioned in such certificate, together with the interest thereof at the rate of 20 per cent per annum, from the date of such certificate, The Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty shall, at the expiration of the said two years, execute to the purchaser, his executor, administrator or assigns a Lease, under the Common Seal of the said City, of the land and tenements so sold, for such term of years as the same shall have been sold, and such lease shall be conclusive evidence that the sale was regular &c.

"The Street Commissioner would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of a notice being prepared under the directions of the Counsel for that purpose."

(signed) J. M^cComb S. C.

[12] The Attorney of the Board, on the Petition of William Niblo, reported:

"That the alterations or additions, alluded to by the petitioner in his petition, consist of a Two-Story building intended for a dwelling-house adjoining the one occupied by him on the corner of William and Pine Streets. The building of the said house was commenced by erecting a wooden frame, usual in the erection of wooden buildings; that after it had been erected and under cover a complaint was made at the Office of the Attorney against the same by persons owning real property in the neighbourhood: that some time thereafter a suit was commenced on said complaint: that after the commencement of said suit several material alterations were made in the mode of completing. said building—one of the sides instead of being slated was filled in or run up with bricks in such a manner as to give satisfaction in a great measure to persons who felt themselves interested. The walls [13] generally, altho' not composed of bricks or stone as directed by the act for the more effectual prevention of fires, are made to consist of brick and the wood posts which are a part of the frame of the building. He has caused the house to be examined since it has been finished, and it having been done in a manner to exhibit the appearance and in a great measure to have the effect of a fire-proof building. He would respectfully suggest the propriety of recommending to the Chamberlain of the City a discontinuance of the suit and a remission of penalties upon payment of costs."

(sign'd) A. Sherman

which was agreed to.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of the First Ward."

Joseph Curtis, Iron-monger, 90 Maiden L. 1 ward, vice Israel Haviland, Resigned.

[14] "Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1."

Will. Smith, Mercht, 7 Old Slip, 1 ward, vice Wm Merrill, deceased.

"Fire Engine Company No. 7."

Dav. G. Mulford, Carpenter, 2 Crane Whf, 2 ward, vice Jno. H. Oldershaw, Resigned.

Jas. Corse, Currier, 56 Frankfort, 4 ward, vice Eleazar Lundy, deceased.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 18."

Barney Corse, Tanner, 7 Vandewater, 4 ward, vice Jonathan W. Kellogg, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 21."

Wm Wright, Tanner, 74 Gold St. 2 ward, vice Nathan Crowell, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 36."

Jno. Christie, Carpenter, Sullivan n. Grand, 8 ward, vice Levi Shute, Removed.

James Thorp, Carter, Vandam n. Varick, 8 ward vice Fred. Glashan, Removed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances, to wit:

Caleb Crane	Own.	Anthony St.	Lot
Jno. Beekman	Own.	Pike	"
Timo. Hedges	Own.	"	"
Henry Rutgers	Own.	"	"
[15] Henry Rutgers	Own.	Pike St.	Lot
Mrs. Lewis	Own	382 Water St.	Privy
J. Dougherty	Occ.		
Thos. Kiles & S. Howard,	Own.		
Steph. Hoyt	Agt.	37 Anthony	do
Jno. Linn	Occ.		

(signed) G. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Colonel James B. Murray, reported:

"That, from the information given them by Colonel Murray, they have reason to believe the facts assumed in their former report were incorrect. The Committee are not clear in the opinion, however, that the precedent already established of furnishing Colours to the uniform Militia at the expence of this City is a proper one: but as it has been so far acted on that every regiment of Artillery; except the Applicants, has been presented with them by the Corporation, they think it would appear too marked to make a particular exception of that commanded [16] by Colonel Murray, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that a Colour, with suitable emblems and devices be prepared at the expence of the Corporation, and under the direction of this Committee, to be presented in such manner as the Board shall hereafter direct to the Regiment of Artillery under the command of Colonel James B. Murray."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Saml Akerly
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier.

which was approved.

The Street Committee, on the petition for regulating &c. Grand St. reported:

"That they have seen, examined and duly considered the subject, and are of opinion that public good and individual convenience require that the Street should be regulated, the Curb Stone set and sidewalks gravel- [17] led from Forsyth Street to Suffolk Street, and therefore recommend that an Ordinance to that effect be prepared & passed.

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly
" Jno. McComb.
St. Comr

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed.

The Street Committee, on the petition for reducing the breadth of the Sixth Avenue, reported:

"That they having duly considered the subject of the petitioners

are of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly
" Leonard Kip
St. Committee

which Report was approved.

[18] The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Ludlow Street, reported:

"That they are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, inasmuch as they are the owners of the property to be benefitted and assessed, and therefore recommend that an Ordinance be passed and the object of the petition carried into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly

which was approved and an Ordinance agreeably thereto passed.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Lawrence Street, reported:

"That they, having duly considered the subject of the petition, recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report Ordinances accordingly."

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly

Approved.

[19] The same Committee, on the petition for laying the Carriage Way in Hammond Street, reported:

"That they, having duly considered the subject of the petition, recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report ordinances accordingly."

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Saml Akerly
" John Morss.

which was approved.

The Canal Committee, on the subject of Three several memorials from owners and Inhabitants in the vicinity of Canal Street praying for an immediate execution of the intended regulation of that street, reported:

"That the regulation lately adopted ought to be carried into immediate effect. They are fully persuaded that if these streets had been regulated two or three years ago the greater part of the ground in their vicinity now vacant [20] would have been covered with buildings: the Committee can see no good reason whatsoever for postponing it: on the contrary they believe that the health and interests of the City require it and those of the neighbourhood particularly demand it. The state of the finances of the Board may be considered an objection against giving immediately into the measure, but this obstacle may be easily surmounted and the regulation carried into effect without taking one dollar from the Treasury. The Committee do therefore respectfully submit the following system for carrying the said regulations into effect—towit: "That the work and materials of the sewers be done by contract, to be divided into two or more sections, and separate proposals be received for each section: that the contracts describe in the most particular manner the quality of the materials to be used and the manner in which the work is to be done: that it be done subject to the inspection and control of a person to be appointed by [21] the Corporation; and, if required by the Corporation, the work in each section to be commenced at 2 or more points at the same time: the Contractors to be paid by instalments as the work progresses, say 25 per cent when ¼ of the work is done, 25 per cent more when ½ is done, and 25 per cent when ¾ done, and the remaining 25 per cent when the whole is completed: to meet these payments, so soon as the expence can be ascertained, which will be when the contracts are entered into, Assessors to be appointed to assess the same according to law; which assessment to be collected by instalments to meet the several payments: and that the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Canal Committee take the necessary measures to carry the same into immediate effect."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) John Morss
" A. L. Underhill
" Jac. B. Taylor
Canal Com.

which being read was agreed to.

[22] The Report of the Special Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the Institution for the Relief of the Deaf and Dumb was called up and being read the blanks therein were filled up and the Report agreed to as in the words following: Viz.

"They have given the subject all the attention which their time and capacity for investigating its merits would admit, and have no hesitation in saying that, if properly patronized the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb will become one of the most beneficial and useful establishments in this City.

"For the purpose of ascertaining the practicability and method of instructing these interesting objects, the Committee visited the School in company with some of the Directors and were highly gratified at the progress of the scholars as well as the emulation excited in them by their teacher to excel each other in their studies. Judging from this exhibition of the talents dis- [23] played by the Deaf and Dumb, the Committee are satisfied that they may not only be taught the rudiments of education but, with attention and perseverance attain a knowledge of many of the higher branches of study.

"The Committee are unable to express the feelings of humanity and commiseration excited in them on viewing the wretched condition of these sons and daughters of ignorance, and feel themselves bound by every consideration of propriety to recommend their case to the humane consideration of the Board as one of peculiar interest, both as it respects the objects themselves as well as the public at large.

"The Institution was incorporated by Act of Legislature on the 17th of April 1817 and has been in operation only 5 weeks. The school consists of 11 scholars, 3 females and 8 males, who are taught reading, writing and the art of conversing by signs, and an attempt with some success, has been made to instruct them to articulate words and short sentences

[24] "Only two of the scholars pay for their education: the friends and relations of the others being poor and unable to pay, they are taught gratis. The price of a quarter's schooling is fixed by the Directors, for those who are able to pay, at Ten dollars, including the necessary stationary, Slates &c.

"The annual expence of the present establishment, altho' very limited in the numbers, cannot be estimated at less than 2500 dollars, for the payment of which the Directors have no other resource except the voluntary donations of the charitable and benevolent. Frequent applications are made for admission in the school by those whose circumstances will not permit them to pay the expence of tuition;

but the finances of the Institution are at so low an ebb, that it is impossible to admit more than the present number, and even they will be found too many, unless something is done to foster and protect them until efficient aid can be obtained.

[25] "It has been ascertained that more than Sixty of these unfortunate beings are now residents in this City, the greater part of whom, if left in their present ignorance, must sooner or later become chargeable on the public for their support. Under this consideration is it not the interest of the Corporation to foster and encourage this Institution, inasmuch as it will not only serve the cause of humanity but eventually prevent an increase of paupers and an addition to the expenditure for their support.

"The Committee have no reason to doubt that a disposition exists in the Board to assist, as far as propriety will warrant, so laudable an undertaking as the one under consideration: they therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb be permitted to occupy, during the pleasure of this Board, a room in the Third Story of that part of the Old Alms' House reserved for the use [26] of the Corporation, provided it is used for no other purpose except for the instruction of the scholars.

"Resolved—that the Directors of said Institution be authorised to receive in their school Ten Deaf and Dumb persons at the expence of the Corporation, provided such persons are in needy circumstances and unable to pay the expence of their instruction, and are inhabitants of this City, and, that the expence of each scholar shall not exceed Forty dollars a year.

"Resolved—that a donation of Five hundred dollars be made to said Institution to aid them in carrying into effect this laudable undertaking, and that a Warrant now pass for said amount.

"Resolved that the Committee on this subject be charged with the execution of the foregoing Resolution."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" John Morss
" W. F. Van Amringe
Special Com.

[27] A Resolution was presented, directing the Street Commissioner to cause the Hulk of an old Sloop sunken in Grand Street Slip to be removed, and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Alderman Mesier presented the following:—

"Resolved—that notice be given to the Lessee of the Flag-Staff that he be hereby directed to take down forthwith the Boarding on the South side of the lower Story of the Flag-Staff, and that unless he immediately execute his covenant in relation to taking care of the Battery Walks, Trees and Bowling Green or provide some person to attend to this duty the Corporation will proceed as the terms of the Lease in this respect authorize them."

which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places to act thereon as they should judge expedient.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution, directing the Street Commissioner to inform the [28] *the* Contractors for filling up Rutgers' Slip that unless they proceed forthwith to fill up the same their Contract will be considered as void. Whereupon it was resolved that the Attorney be instructed to prosecute said Contractors for breach of their contract.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury June 29	64.47	
Rec^{d} for Wells and Pumps	7.50	
" " Intestate Estates	254.66	
" " Tavern Licenses	421.50	
" " Rents	2526.31	
" " Police Office	65.75	
" " Wells and Pumps	189.60	
" " Streets	3213.	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Mayoralty fees	214.45	
" " Commut. Alien passeng	130.	7587.24

Accounts Audited.

Mechanics' Bank, ground for Slip between Catharine Slip & Oliver St.	434.51
Anderson & Walton, Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd " 2^{d} "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3^{d} "	413.
[29] Dan. H. Magee, K^{r} Potter's F^{d} 1 mo. 1 inst	45.
J. Sidell, 15 Peace Off^{rs} at C. Hall, 4 ins	22.50
Jas. G. Kent, Watch, Witness Court, 6 March	4.
Abm. Stagg, fill Collect ground—Corporation	129.84
Rob. Pettigrew—1st instal. Well—Rivington St	89.25
Jno. Gallagher, bal. Well—King St	39.37
Hill & Ayres—fill^{g} Dey St. Basin	1000.00
Rob. Latimer—extra Stone Walls—3^{d} Avenue at Harlaem Marsh	815.25
Rob. Latimer, bal. due J. Skinner making road 3^{d} Avenue	373.

Rich. Kissam, bal. awd openg Provost St	424.07	
Jas. Meghan, pavg Greenwich St	400.00	
Hugh Smith, bal. pavg Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St.	254.36	
Jno. Stanley, reg. Bond St	200.	
Ter. Tiffany, reg. Sheriff St	100.	
Ter. Tiffany, reg. Willet St	100.	
Jno. Sloan—reg. Houston St	100.	
Jas. Pinkerton—pav. Intersections	38.82	
Pet. Bonnet—Int. Bond—6 mo. to 3d ins	113.79	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. Rep. for Repairs	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—for Lamp Departt	100.	7497.51
	Balance	$=89.73

Adjourned to this day fortnight 5 o'clock.

[30] In Common Council July 27. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effm Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calender of persons confined in the City Prison and Bridewell on the 20th July inst. accompanied with the following observations:— (see page 31)

[31] "The Court of Sessions adjourned on the 18th inst. after having delivered the City Prison by sentences, acquittals and discharges of 66 prisoners. It appears that there were in the Bridewell on the Monday following 94 persons, 52 whites and 42 blacks. Of the 94 twenty five are convicts, all but one of whom are sentenced by the Magistrates of the Police Office as Vagrants, generally for the term of 60 days. Fourteen are committed by the same magistrates until they shall find security for their good behaviour, and 6 are committed as disorderly, that is, as appears by the warrants of commitment, they are to be confined until they shall be delivered by due course of law.

"Thirty seven are committed to answer on charges of crimes or misdemeanours: Viz—14 for assault and battery, 1 for arson, 3 for disorderly houses, 11 for larceny, 5 for forgery and counterfeiting or passing counterfeit money, 1 for administering poison, and 2 for prison breaking. One is committed for examination and 3 are [32] paupers about the house.

"One black woman, it appears, has been detained in the Bridewell since the 21st of April last, as being a slave run from New Orleans.

"The Mayor begs leave to call the attention of the Board particularly to this case, and to submit whether it be agreeable to them that the public prison should be rendered subservient to the authority of slave holders.

"Our laws permit a master under certain circumstances to hold a fellow creature in slavery, but it is believed that they do not authorise the commitment of a slave to a public prison to be held there during the pleasure of the master.

"The cases of the 7 persons who are represented in the within calender to be delirious or deranged appear also to deserve particular attention.

"No place can be more unfit for such unfortunate persons than the City prison. The Commissioners of the Alms house have expressed their willing- [33] ness to receive them in the Institution under their care, but, notwithstanding the great sums which have been expended on the buildings at Bellevue and their great extent, the Commissioners represent that they have no room for these patients: And indeed the portion of the penitentiary which is appropriated for persons of this description is so limited that they can receive but a few: and even these few can have none of the accommodations which common humanity requires should be provided for those afflicted with this calamity.

"There are only 6 cells of about 10 feet by 12 appropriated to male lunatics. In these there are now 19 persons. The cells are extremely confined and are in a part of the penitentiary that exposes the occupants to the smell and bad air which necessarily arise from the receptacles of the filth of other parts of the buildings. It is very certain that there is no convict who is not more comfortably provided for than those persons whose calamity is the only [34] cause of their confinement.

"The Mayor begs leave also to present for the consideration of the Board the situation of those young persons who are sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary. There are now there 11 boys

under eighteen: several are under fourteen. They are shut up in cells with other convicts. It must be obvious that under such circumstances it would be in vain to expect that their punishment will improve their morals: It can hardly fail to have a contrary effect. It is presumed that some system might be adopted which would separate the aged and the young, and at the same time afford the latter employment and instruction. This might extend to both sexes and be a means of benefitting and perhaps of reclaiming many young females, a great number of whom are at all times confined within the walls of the Penitentiary.

"It is proper to notice that 6 of the prisoners mentioned in the within [35] Calender are sick. The diseases are Syphilis, Phthisis, and Fever."

All which is respectfully submitted.

which being read, that part relating to commitments was referred to the Committee on Laws and that on the subject of Maniacs and the Penitentiary generally to the following Committee. Viz. Aldermen King Munson Mr. Westervelt.

A Committee from the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb consisting of Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell and John B. Scott Esqr. attended the Common Council and presented the following Resolution of the Society:—

"Resolved unanimously—that the thanks of this Board be returned to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City for their liberality and munificence in furthering the efforts making to rescue a valuable portion of our fellow-creatures from ignorance and vice.

[36] "Ordered—that the President and Secretary be a Committee to convey the sense of this Board in the most respectable manner to the Common Council."

Extract from the minutes.

(signed) John B. Scott, Secretary.

A Letter was received from E. C. Genet Esqr. accompanied with printed copies of his former communication to the Board for the use of the members and particularly those composing the Board of Supervisors, which letter was directed to be filed.

A Petition of the Managers of the Medical Science Lottery praying to be accommodated with a Room in the Hall for the purpose of drawing said Lottery, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Report was received from the United German Lutheran Church

of the [37] application of the School Money of said Congregation, which was directed to be filed.

A Complaint from John J. Sickles and David Banks of the Conduct of James Anderson Captain of the City Watch in improperly confining them, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the Intersection of the Bowery and the Third Avenue, and a Remonstrance against granting the prayer of the same, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward to report.

A Complaint against the offensive and dangerous situation of the Cellars under Duane Market was read and referred to the Chief Engineer and the Fire Wardens of the Fifth Ward.

A Complaint of Alexander Canniff against Smith Wood Inspector for refusing to give such measurement in a [38] Load of Wood as the Law allows, accompanied by a Certificate of Jacob Aiker a Wood-Inspector that said Load was deficient, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Melatiah Nash that the Collection of an Assessment on Lots Nos. 329 and 331 Broadway, the Lease of which is owned by him may be delayed, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Hyatt, stating that he had opened a marble Quarry on his land at King's Bridge, and praying a grant of the Water right of the Corporation near Spuyten devil Creek for the purpose of constructing a Dock at that place, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of G. Vintroux Hersan, stating that in April 1817 he purchased at auction the Lease of Lot No. 162 Com- [39] mon Lands: that he finds the same in the occupancy of a person who has held it upwards of 28 years: that he was also deceived in the conditions of sale, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of John G. Warren, stating that in constructing an Area in front of his premises No. 46 Wall Street he had made the same larger than allowed by the Law, tho' no larger than that of his adjoining neighbour, and praying he may be permitted to continue the same, was read and referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of John Low, for a Water grant opposite his land on Hudson River between 61st and 63d Streets, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of John De Clew, for remission of fine incurred for

selling liquor at the Flag-Staff without license, was read. On motion to grant the prayer of petitioner, and a Division being called thereon, it passed [40] in the Negative as follows:—

Neg. Ald. Mesier, King, Underhill, Van Amringe, Morss, McQueen Messrs. Bolton, Stevens, Anthony, Westervelt.

Aff. Ald: Buckmaster, Taylor, Thorp, Munson Mes. Parker, Akerly, Schieffelin.

It was then on motion referred to the Committee on Public Lands to report a statement of facts.

A Memorial from sundry Manufacturers of Scales, Weights and Measures. complaining of the conduct of the Sealer of Weights and measures and praying that a Committee be appointed to investigate their charges, was read and referred to the Committee on Weighmasters.

A Petition of Staats Dawson for Stall No. 33 Fly Market, of Daniel S. Hyde for Stall No. 2 Gouverneur Market, of John Scott, Russel Wheeler and Stephen Doane for Stalls in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street, of Isaac Valentine Jr. for a Stall in Gouverneur Market, and of Nathaniel Moore and [41] Isaac Valentine stating that they held Stalls Nos. 1 and 2 in said Market and praying to be continued in the same—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Campbell to be continued as a Measurer was read. Whereupon Resolved that the Clerk file his application and that it have the same effect as if made previous to the 15th instant agreeably to the Resolve of the Common Council.

A further petition of Edward S. Cory to be permitted to report and give Bond for alien passengers brought by him in the Schooner Duke of Wellington from Halifax and landed at Norwalk, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority, on Petitioners giving sufficient bonds or paying the Commutation allowed by the Resolution of the Common Council and upon paying all costs, to discontinue the Suit against him.

A Petition from Cornelius Harsin, stating [42] that in July 1815 he received from the Corporation for a Water Lot 29 feet on Washington Street and 218 feet 8 inches on Charlton Street: that he was directed to make a Bulkhead and a Return Bulkhead on the Premises, which has been complied with: that he has lately received an order to complete the said Lot, with which on account of funds he is unable to comply; and praying the Corporation to receive from him a reconveyance of the same and pay him the sum he has expended thereon:

which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Samuel Ennalls to be permitted to remove on Trucks a Frame Building from the foot of Roosevelt Street to Franklin Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th ward and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

[43] A Petition on behalf of Stephen Whitney for a Vault in front of his House in White Hall Street, and on behalf of William King for Vaults in front of 4 houses in Grand Street at the corner of Mercer Street were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Walker, Beach and Chapel Streets and for a Well and Pump at the corner of Varick and Van Dam Streets were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Representation from Higgins and Park on the subject of their Contract for filling in Rutgers' Slip was received and leave given them to withdraw the same.

A Recommendation in favor of Moses G. Dean to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, a petition of Patrick Baron [44] to be continued as a City Weigher, one of Andrew Blakely, of John G. Betts and of John Dusenberry to be appointed City Weighers—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Mannel for remission of fine under the Street Law for selling Manure was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of Deborah Post for herself and the Heirs of John Post deceased, praying a Water grant on East River opposite a Lot situated between the Lots of Cornelius Ray and Abraham Leggett and to extend from Water Street to South Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition of Benjamin Clark, stating that for Ten years past he has been from bodily infirmity unable to perform military duty: that he has not to his knowledge during that time [45] been called upon to perform it, tho' had he been so called he feels it his duty to state he should from conscientious scruples have refused performing it: that he has lately been called upon to pay his fine or exempt Tax and praying relief, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition was received from a number of Builders in the City,

stating that they are under the necessity of using considerable quantities of Lime: that a Combination has been lately entered into among the persons supplying Lime so as that only a small number of vessels shall discharge Lime at the same time and that no other vessel shall discharge until those are fully unloaded, by which the purchasers are imposed upon and frequently compelled to take Lime of very inferior quality, and praying the interference of the Common Council. Whereupon the same was referred to Aldermen Taylor Underhill Mr. Parker

[46] A Petition of William Blair, proposing to lease from the Corporation certain Lots at Hamilton Square, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Davis Hunt, stating that he has been prosecuted for dealing as a Pawnbroker without having a License for the same: that the business he carries on does not in his opinion come within the Purvieu of the Ordinance on that subject, and praying the suit against him may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Attorney to report the facts of the case and in the mean time all proceedings to stay.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of Spring Street Basin, stating that the ordinance relative to said Basin is incomplete as the Pier on the South side extends 100 feet less into the River than on the North and does not afford a sufficient shelter for Boats, and pray- [47] ing the Pier on the South side may be directed to be run out as far as that on the North Side, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies: Viz

"Fire Wardens of the Eighth Ward."

Nich. Schureman, Carpenter, Bowery n. Art, 8 ward, vice William Palmer, Resigned.

Mat. Schultz, Carter, Amos St. 8 ward, vice Abm. Labagh, Expelled.

No. 22. Rich. Williams, Shipwright, Jefferson c. Harman, 7 ward. } v. Mat. Anderson, Resigned.

No. 31. Egbert Post, Carpenter Crosby n. Broome, 8 ward } v. Thos. Platt, Resigned.

No. 35. Rob. Lattemore, Road Mr Harlaem, 9 ward } v. Eph. Pardee, Rem.

No. 37. Wm Gilmore, Blacksmith, Elizabeth n. Hester, 10 ward } v. Thos. Willett, Resigned.
Isaac Vians, Blacksmith, Elizabeth n. Hester, 10 ward } v. Ezra Healy, Res.

[48] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:—Viz.

1.	Mrs. Ann Warner, to J. Warner decd	Exec. Own.	20	Vandewater		Lot
2.	Wm Dixon	Occ.		Mill St.		"
3.	Jno. Targay, Mary Barr	Own. or Agt. Occ.	7	Spring St.		"
4.	Mrs. Hopper Benj. Crane	Own. Occ.	85	Cherry		"
5.	S. Montgomery J. Montgomery	Own. Occ.	472	Greenwich		"
6.	Abm. Furman,	Own. & Occ.	28	Fletcher		"
7.	Jno. Shepherd	Own.	Canal, Vestry, Thompson & Laurens			"
8	Concklin Brush	Own.	8	Peck Slip		"
9.	D. S. & J. Brown	Own.		do.		"
10.	Jno. F. Gould	Own.		Fulton		"
11.	Jno. R. Livingston Nancy Brown	Own. Occ.	39	Thomas		"
12.	Geo. Fox	Own.	304	Pearl		"
13.	Rev. Mr. Jarvis	Own.	306	do		"
14.	A. & W. Kevan	Own.	310	do		"
15.	Jas. Bird	Own.	308	do		"
16.	Sam. E. Shotwell	Own.	244	Water		"
17.	John Cooley	Own.	246	do		"
	[49] Will. Shatzel	Own.	248	Water		Lot
	Dan. Ritter	Own.	250	do.		"
20.	Geo. Janeway	Own.	Water & Gouverneur			"
21.	Geo. Janeway	do.	do	do		Privy.
22.	Ezra Ludlow H. Megary & others	Les. Occ.	20	Wall St.		"
23.	Abm. Van Buskirk A. Burr	Own. Occ.	61	Vesey		"
24.	Abm. Van Buskirk J. P. Stagg	Own. Occ.	195	Greenwich		"
25.	S. Montgomery J. Montgomery	Own. Occ.	472	do		"

26.	Jno. Hopper,	Les. & Occ.	Spring St.	Privy.
27.	Jno. Targay,	Own. or Agt.	7 do	"
	Mary Barr	Occ.		
28.	Sam Jones Jr.	Own.	59 William	"
	Rob. Williams	Agt. & Occ.		
29.	Mrs. Nicholson	Own.	82 William	"
	Wm Few	Agt.		
	Wallace & Swan	Occ.		

(signed) Geo. Cuming, C. Insp.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the Surplus Assessment for regulating Perry Street and an Assessment for paving South [50] Street from Peck Slip to Dover Street—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Rivington Street near Chrystie Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street and for a Well and Pump in Division Street: and warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances, which were passed: Viz—for paving the Carriage Way in Hammond Street from Washington to Asylum Street, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors: for repairing the Drain or Sewer in Oak Street between Roosevelt and James Streets, and John Targee, Jacob C. Mott and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors: [51] for paving and regulating Vestry Street from Hudson to Washington Street, and the same Assessors were appointed; and for filling up and regulating King Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Vestry Street, reported that the prayer of the petition should be granted and that the Street Commissioner should report an Ordinance therefor: which was approved and an Ordinance presented agreeably thereto and passed.

The Attorney of the Board, on the petition of Robert Ferguson, reported:

"That Ferguson was complained of generally for driving and keeping in his employ Two Carts without License; in answer to which he stated, as is set forth in his petition, that he is a sort of Sub-con-

tractor under a Mr. Sloan who has entered into an agreement with the Corporation for filling in Houston, Thompson and other Streets and keeps his carts employed constantly in the Banks for that purpose.

[52] "There are many other persons situated similar to the petitioner, who generally work in the Banks, some filling in Streets, others filling in lots for private individuals. They all receive a compensation for the use of their horses and carts and are generally paid by the load. In the present case the petitioner receives 4 cents for every load he carts and is therefore carting for hire and within the meaning of the Ordinance. But inasmuch as the petitioner, when the Contract was made, was impressed with the idea that a License was not necessary for carts employed in that kind of way it might be proper to permit him to continue in the Banks with his carts, provided they are not otherwise employed, until the Contract for filling in said streets is fulfilled.

"The Attorney however states that in examining the complainant it appears that the petitioner has employed his carts, or one of them in carting for private individuals articles for which he [53] has received pay, viz—furniture, sods &c. and which is considered an interference with the business of the regular Cartmen and the principal cause of complaint which ought not to be passed unnoticed. He therefore respectfully suggests to the Board the following:

"Resolved that the complaint against the Petitioner as far as it relates to the employment of his Carts in the Banks be discontinued, but for employing his carts in any other manner the Law be enforced against him."

respectfully submitted

(signed) A. Sherman.

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to a Lot in Rose Street, reported: "That they have purchased the said Lot of ground, being 25 feet front on Rose Street, 39 feet 5 inches in the rear, 54 feet deep on the one side and 50 feet deep on the other side for the sum of Fifty dollars in addition to the sum of 1750 dollars making the sum of Eighteen [54] hundred dollars for the said Lot of ground."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill
" Robert McQueen.

which was approved.

The Fire Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Harlaem for a larger Engine, reported: "That your Committee have had the said petition under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill
" Robert McQueen.

"Resolved—that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to present Engine No. 30 and her equipments to the Firemen of the Village of Harlaem in place of No. 35."
which was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition for paving the side-walks of Provost Street, reported: "That they have [55] viewed said Street, and find that the side walks are paved excepting the part herein represented: they therefore think the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to take the necessary measures to have the same carried into effect.

(sign'd) Jno. Morss
" J. J. Westervelt
" J. McComb, S. C.

which Report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petitions of G. G. Howland and William Butler, reported: "That they have had these two petitions under their consideration: the facts in both are similar, and your Committee doubt not the correctness of their respective statements: yet your Committee think that the fact of their ignorance of the Law and of the lightness of their weights is not a sufficient reason for the Board to interfere and remit the penalty, particularly when the whole or a part of this penalty goes to the informer. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that G. G. Howland and Wil- [56] liam Butler have leave to withdraw their respective petitions."

(signed) S. Stevens
" S. Akerly.

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of an arrangement with Robert R. Hunter respecting his claim to ground fronting Albany Basin, reported:

"They have given Mr. Hunter a Deed or Quit claim from the Cor-

poration for Two Lots of ground, a part of the property alluded to, and have received from him a quit claim on his part to the remainder, together with his bond and mortgage for the payment of Four thousand dollars, which are herewith presented.

" The Committee are informed that the Board agreed on the 13th of March 1817 to sell the said property: but owing to the claim set up by Mr. Hunter the sale was postponed until said claim was satisfied. This object having been accomplished, they beg leave to recommend the following resolution for the concurrence of the Board.

[57] " Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorised to sell at public auction, on such terms and in such lots as they shall deem best, the piece or parcel of ground belonging to the Corporation, situated between Greenwich and Washington Streets in front of the Albany Basin."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe.

which was approved: the Deed from Mr. Hunter accepted: the Quit claim to him directed to be duly executed, and the ground directed to be sold agreeably to the Resolution proposed by the Committee.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Charles McCarty, reported: " That on the 2d day of February last the Board on the petition of said McCarty, adopted a report of this Committee and passed a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Assessment to assess on said Lease-hold only so much of the benefit to be derived as in their judgment the Lessee would re- [58] ceive, and to assess the balance, if any, on the Corporation. Agreeably to the above, the Commissioners have assessed on the property alluded to 439 dollars, 219 of which to be paid by the Lessee and the residue, amounting to 220 dollars, by the Corporation.

" Under this arrangement the Committee cannot perceive that Mr. McCarty has any just cause of complaint, inasmuch as disinterested men have impartially decided on the case, and no advantage has been taken by the Corporation of his covenants, whereby he was legally bound to pay the whole of the Assessment alluded to: they therefore recommend that the principles of the Assessment be adhered to."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly
" Reuben Munson

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown, reported: "That. they [59] have had the said petition under consideration and find the facts as therein stated to be correct: they have likewise ascertained that the petitioners have extinguished the claims of the Lessees of the Public Slips to the Pier mentioned in the said petition.

"Your Committee therefore recommend that a Lease be granted to the petitioners of the premises mentioned in the said petition according to the prayer thereof, under the annual rent of one hundred dollars, and a covenant on their part to keep the premises in good repair during the term at their own expence. And inasmuch as the petitioners have paid a full consideration to the Lessees of the Slips for the use of the Pier in question during the current year your Committee are of opinion that the rent ought not to commence until the 1st of May next."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board a Return of the names [60] of the persons who, agreeably to the Resolution of the 15th June last, had reported themselves as holding Offices under the Common Council—which was directed to lie on the Table.

The Select Committee, to whom it was referred to report a plan for the regulation of Weigh-masters, presented a report which was read and the further consideration postponed. A motion was made that the Board proceed to appoint the persons recommended in the Schedule presented by the Committee, which was lost. A motion was made and agreed to that the Clerk cause 50 copies of the Report to be printed for the use of the Members.

Mr. Akerly presented the following:

"Resolved that the present Weighmasters, who have reported themselves agreeably to the Resolution of the Board of the 15th of June last continue to act under their several commissions until the 1st day of September 1818 next—which [61] was agreed to.

Alderman Buckmaster presented a Resolution directing the name of King Street to be altered to President Street. On a motion to refer the same to the Street Committtee, the question being taken thereon and a Division called, it passed in the negative as follows: Viz.

Neg. Ald. Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss McQueen Taylor Munson Mr. Bolton Stevens Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly.

Aff. Ald. Buckmaster Thorp Mr. Board Schieffelin.

Resolved—that the subject of licensing Cartmen employed in carting dirt be referred to the Committee on Laws.

An Invitation from Commodore Chauncey to the Common Council and their Officers to visit the United States' Ship Washington of 74 Guns now lying in the Stream of this Harbour at 1 o'clock tomorrow was presented by his Honor the Mayor & accepted by the Board.

[62] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury—July 13	$89.73	
Recd for Rents	1835.90	
" " Common Lands	2002.87	
" " Excise	1000.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Wells & Pumps	148.49	
" " Streets	11158.	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Tax 1817—3d ward	5.40	19,240.39

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1st dis	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, do. 2	682.50
Bleakly & Brower— do 3	413.
J. McComb, S. C. 1 qr's Sal. 12th ins	500.
Wm J. Waldron, Ast City Ins. 1 mo. 1 Aug	54.
Obadh Ayres— do " "	54.
Saml Hutchings, St. Insp. " "	54.
Jonn Weeden do " "	54.
Astin & Cochran, Messengers " "	60.
And. Vn Orden, Battery Kr 1 mo. 15 ins	45.12
Benj. Crane—Stationary—6 mo. 1 ins	271.25
Jno. Bedient, Coroner's fees, 1 qr. 1 ins	807.91
Estate of Luke Persiary, care of Mud Machine 2 mo. 12 May	214.43
[63] B. Skaats, ringg bells & refreshs 4 July and expences 8 July	113.97
Mrs. L. D. Windson, embroidg Standd 3 Reg. Artil	100.
Ritchie & Burnes, Cartridges Artil. 4 July	97.62
B. Oblenis, Clk. Pol. Off. bal. 6 mo. 1 July	117.27
Geo. Charlton—Acct. Well—Mill St	75.
Mary Green—overpaid—Vault—Orange St	11.40
Hill & Ayres, fillg basin Dey St	1000.
Jas. Vincent—fillg block—Charlton St	500.
Thos. Barnum—supg wharves—24 days 26 Jul	48.

Pet. Debaun—regg Hudson St	1000.	
Chs. Mooney—reg. Collect St	800.	
Jno. Stanley—reg. Bond St	400.	
Chs. Mooney—pavg Provost at Chapel St	300.	
Pet. Parsells, reg. Washington fr. Christr to Hammond	200.	
Jos. Willoughby—reg. Hammond St	231.48	
Jas. Gosman—Award—Thompson St	13.	
Christr Corbley—pav. Intersections	9.61	
Ald. Munson—Treasr Board Health	250.	
A. Hardenbrook—Lamps & Reprs. 1 Apr. 1818	728.83	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Reprs	1000.	
Jac. P. Roome for Lamp Departt	250.	
A. McIntyre—St. Comp. 3 y. Int. Bond due 1 Aug	5400.	
Rich. Furman—Sup. Alms-house	2000.	18974.64
	Balance	$265.75

[64] In Common Council August 10, 1818.

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Anthony L. Underhill	Thomas Bolton
John Morss	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Patrick Redmond, Captain of the Brig San Domingo, stating that he sailed from Ross in Ireland in May last having 115 Alien passengers on board: that the vessel was consigned to Thomas C. Butler Jr. of this City who refused to act as Consignee: that petitioner being a stranger and totally without funds has not been able to procure the surety for the Alien passengers [65] which is required by Law: that he has been prosecuted for not giving that surety and is now in prison on that account; and praying relief. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to act in the premises as they shall judge expedient.

A Petition of Napthali Phillips to be appointed Clerk of the Common Council: of John G. Clark, of Aaron Pell, of Peter Riker and of Robert S. Hedden to be appointed Weighmasters; and of John Turk at present holding the Commission of Weighmaster to be continued as such—were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition was received from Aaron Ogden of Elizabeth Town, stating that the Slip between the Battery and the Pier erected by petitioner from the South side of Marketfield Street, under lease from the Corporation, for the accommodation of his Steam-Boat plying between New York and Elizabeth Town, is fast filling up and is now [66] too shallow to accommodate his Boats: that in consequence thereof in April last he made an arrangement with the Lessee of Slips for an accommodation for his Boats after the First of May then ensuing: at the exterior of the Piers lately erected by the Corporation at the South side of Whitehall Street, the same being then under lease to his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins and others until the 1st of May last, and in consequence of such arrangement changed the Landing place of his Boats to White Hall Slip: that he understands the Corporation have extended the said Lease of his Excellency D. D. Tompkins: that petitioner has made an arrangement with the Lessees of Public Slips for their right to the use for his Boats of the water on the West side of White hall Slip between the North Line of the grant to his Excellency D. D. Tompkins and the head of the Slip; and praying that said accommodation may be given to him for such time and under such conditions as to the Board shall seem proper. Where- [67] upon the said Memorial was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a Brick Cistern in Chamber Street in front of his house, he having no yard—which was accompanied with a Certificate from the Street Commissioner that he had viewed the premises and recommended granting the request of Mr. Anderson—was read and the prayer thereof granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Peter Jay Munro and others was received, stating that they hold under Lease from the Corporation Lots in the Sixth Ward which are charged with an annual rent payable in wheat: that they are desirous of commuting for the same but consider the terms as settled by the Board disadvantageous to them, and request the Board will take those terms again into their consideration. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

[68] A Petition was received from Charles McCarty, stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation of a Lot in the Fourth Ward on the South side of Cherry Street: that the opening of Roosevelt Street has left on the side of petitioner's Lot which is bounded by Roosevelt Street a small gore of unappropriated ground; and praying said gore may be added to his Lease. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Ann Lockwood for a Huckster's Stand in the Washington Market: one of Margaret Johnson, Widow of James Johnson, stating that her husband had rented one of the Cellars under Washington Market which they had used as a Cook Shop, that she had received an order to pull down the Stove erected in said cellar, which would render the cellar useless to her, and praying relief: A petition of Jacob Patchin, Jesse Cook and Israel Reynolds, butchers, inhabitants of Brook- [69] lyn, stating they have received an order suspending them from bringing meat to be sold in the Country Market in the City, and praying to be restored to that privilege; and Petitions from George Paff, Samuel Preney, John Miller, Henry N. Disbrow, Thomas Place, John Akley, John Lee, Joshua S. Place, Thomas Bockover, Andrew Van Deusen and Lawrence Martin for Stalls in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that a Bell may be hung in the Market in Grand Street when finished was referred to the Committee on the subject of said Market.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the intersection of McDougal and King Streets, and for one at the lower end of Mott Street were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a vault in front of his House [70] at the Bowling Green—a smilar request of Gibson and Davis for Two vaults in Chapple Street—and of Robert Pearsall for a Vault in Elm Street—were granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Complaint from sundry Inhabitants that several small houses and shops in Washington Street on the Westerly side between Courtlandt and Liberty Streets project so far into the Street as to destroy the regularity of the same and to interfere with the convenience of passengers— and a Request from the same that Washington Street might be made of uniform width between Courtlandt and Liberty Streets—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Crosby Street between Hester and Grand Streets may be regulated and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from William Mackling con- [71] fined in gaol on suit for selling liquor without license and praying a release from the same was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Mary Crooker and Mary Moncrief for advance of

sums awarded them for ground taken to widen Roosevelt Street. was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street was received, stating that as the Street had lately been widened and must be regulated they wished a permanent regulation might be made, and as the Drain or Sewer in said street was offensive and injurious to the property in said Street they prayed the Street might if practicable be raised and the Water carried over the surface in place of passing thro' a Sewer—which being read was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of John Lovell to be permitted to remove a Frame House from Harman Street to Franklin Street was read and referred [72] to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

An Account of the Jurors who valued the property taken by the Corporation between Oliver and Catharine Streets and between Rose Street and New Slip was presented and was referred to the Counsel.

A Petition of Emmanuel Abrams to be relieved from a penalty incurred by opening made ground at the corner of Water and Broad Streets without having first obtained, agreeably to the directions of the Ordinance of the Corporation, the permission of the Common Council for that purpose, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Petition of James Hunt, Wood Inspector, to be relieved from a fine incurred by permitting a Cartman to cart Wood in his District without having the number of [73] his cart painted on the same was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Catharine Hubbard, Widow and Administratrix of Ruggles Hubbard deceased, was received—stating that her Husband on the 21st April 1817 leased from the Corporation Lots Nos. 84, 110, 163 and 188 on Manhattan Island—that rent is due on said Leases—that she has no [money] nor is likely to have any to pay said rents—and praying that the Corporation will reenter on said Lots and discharge the Estate of said Hubbard from the rents due and to grow due thereon. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Water Street at Corlaer's Hook may be paved was read and referred to the Committee on Streets—and a petition that said Street from Pike to Rutgers Street may be filled in and regularly laid out, was referred to the same Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

[74] "Fire Engine Hose Company, No. 1."

Jno. Taylor—gilder—Pump c. Mulberry—6 w[d]—vice William Stone, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 4."

Geo. G. Scofield—Mercht—173 B'Way—3 ward—vice William Smith—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company—No. 24."

Peter Wright—Carpenter—William—2 ward—vice Michael Funk—Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company—No. 39."

Charles P. Clinch—Account[t]—30 Reed—6 ward—vice Thomas Duny—Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances as follow—which Ordinances were passed

1.	Abm. Labagh J. Courtney	Own. Occ.	Franklin c. Collect.	Lot.
2.	S. Baker & J. Miller	Own.	Canal, Vestry Thompson & Vestry	"
3.	C. Baylis R. Johnston	Own. Occ.	79 Division St.	"
4.	Jno. J. Post to Estate of Jno. Post.	Exec[r] & Agt.	Water St.	"
5.	Jno. Moran to Estate of Jno. M[c]Nail	Exec. & Agt.	Cross & Orange	"
6.	[75] Jno. K. Vanderbelt Pet. Wyckoff	Les. Occ.	68 William	Privy
7.	Mr. Tucker K. Sage	Own. Occ.	23 Jay	"
8.	W. H. Fitch	Agt. & Occ.	7 Peck Slip	"
9.	J. V. B. Varick, Exec. to J. Remsen dec[d] and Thomas A. Morris	Occ.	34 Pearl St.	"
10.	J. Tonnele Sam[l] Redmond	Les. Occ.	286 "	"
11.	Jno. Best	Les. & Occ.	20 Wall St.	"
12.	Hen. Megarey	"	"	"
13.	Geo. De Grace	"	"	"
14.	Pet. Cotte	"	269 Broad Way	"

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Mill Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector. He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Beach Street between Chapel and Varick Streets—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors—And for a Well and Pump in Vandam Street near [76] Varick Street, which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

The Chief Engineer made a Communication, stating that Fire Engine No. 12 was greatly out of repair and recommending it to be replaced by a new one. He also stated that the Floating Engine would soon need considerable repairs, and, as in his opinion its use was suspended by the services which are rendered by the Steam and Horse Boats, he recommended the Engine should be disposed of. Whereupon the said Communication was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer and Fire Wardens of the Fifth Ward, to whom the complaint against the Cellars under Duane Market had been referred, reported—"That they had examined the premises, found the statement correct and had taken the necessary steps to have the same removed."

(signed) Thos. Franklin—C. E
[77] " Geo. Ireland } F. W.
" Wm Ludlum }

which Report was approved.

The Alms-House Committee and Commissioners reported: "That they have provided rooms in the Alms House and Penitentiary for the Maniacs that are or may properly come under the care of the Board, and the Commissioners have made such arrangements with the Governors of the Hospital that exchanges may be made of those that are very vicious for those which are less so at all times whenever it may be necessary, so that nothing is wanting but a person calculated properly to take charge of them as a Keeper. In the Alms-House places are provided that will contain from twenty to thirty of those Maniacs, which are as many as we have at this time to provide for."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" John Morss
" Geo. B. Thorp.

which was approved and the proposed appointment of a Keeper postponed.

[78] The Comptroller, on the petition of William Blair, reported: "On the 3d April 1817 Andrew Ogden leased at auction the West half of lots Nos. 106. 111. 112. 117 on the East road, formerly Hamilton Square, containing 11 acres, 1 rood and 22 perches for 6 years from 1st May 1817 at an annual rent of 49 dollars.

"Mr. Ogden not having executed the Lease, the property remains at the disposal of the Common Council.

"The petitioner will enclose the lots in fence, and pay a yearly rent of 50 dollars for 4 years from the 1st May next, when the rent is to commence, not expecting to derive any benefit from the land during the present season. Under all circumstances, it is thought that the offer made by Mr. Blair should be accepted, and the same is accordingly recommended to the Board."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker, Compt[r]

which was approved

The Counsel presented a Lease for Hoboken Ferry to Philip Hone, drawn agreeably to the order of the Board—which was directed to be duly executed. He also presented grants for Water Lots on the North River to Samuel M. Thompson, Richard J. Tucker, Thomas S. Clarkson, Campbell P. White, Mary White, Goldsborough Le Roy Banyar, Mary Le Roy and [79] Cornelia Le Roy, and Water grants on the East River to John Agnew and Samuel L. Mitchill—which were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Lease to Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown for the Ferry at Whitehall, which authorized the erection of a Toll house upon the same which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Attorney, on the petition of Davis Hunt, presented a report detailing a number of instances in which petitioner had acted as a dealer in second hand articles without having a License—whereupon the Attorney was directed to proceed in the Suit against said D. Hunt.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Cornelius Harsin, reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration and are of opinion that it will be establishing a precedent that will give the Board much trouble and altercation to settle cases of this nature, and to receive back property from persons who happen to make a bad bargain. Your Committee in this case recommend that the Corporation receive back the water grant from the [80] petitioner, and he be re-

leased therefrom by forfeiting the improvements now made on said premises if Harsin see fit to abandon on such conditions."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" S. Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 8th and 5th wards, to whom had been referred the petitions for a pump at the corner of Varick and Vandam Streets and for a pump near Walker, Beach and Chapel Streets, reported in favor of the same—which was approved and the Street Commissioner presented Ordinances for the same, which were passed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Benjamin Clark, reported: "That the subject is one of considerable importance, and involves in it the principle whether it will be just and proper in the Corporation to exact from the Society of Friends the Tax or Commutation fixed by Act of Legislature to be paid by them in lieu of military duty.

[81] "The Committee are of opinion that the Legislature have acted with great liberality and consideration toward this class of our Fellow citizens, in relieving them for a trifling commutation in money from the performance of a very inconvenient though necessary and indispensible duty; and in order that the payment of this sum should not interfere with their religious opinions on this subject it is declared by an Act passed the 15th of April 1814, that "the Commutation money to be received from the people called Quakers shall be paid to the several County Treasurers for the use of the poor of said Counties." The payment of this money, therefore, is a Tax for the use of the poor and not a fine for the nonperformance of military duty.

"From the view taken of this subject by your Committee, it will be perceived that it places the people commonly called Quakers in a situation, as it respects the performance of military duty, differing materially from the rest of our fellow-citizens—the former being exempt by law and not required to perform said duty, while the latter are not only bound to appear on parade at the call of the proper officer, but must furnish at his own expence the necessary [82] accoutrements or incur the penalty exacted.

"It follows, therefore, that the causes which would excuse the last from said penalty, such as sickness, being out of town previous to being notified and at the time of parade will not excuse the first from

paying said Tax or Commutation, and that the plea of Benjamin Clark stating that "he has been unable from bodily infirmity to do military duty" can be of no validity in the present case, inasmuch as he candidly confesses, had he been required, for conscience sake he would have refused.

"The Committee are decidedly of opinion, therefore, that Mr. Clark is justly bound to pay the amount of tax due from him as one of the Society of Friends, and that the Board ought not to interfere in any instance to prevent the operation of the measures now in train for collecting and applying to its proper. object the commutation money due from the people called Quakers: for which purpose they recommend the passage of the following resolution:

"Resolved—that it is inexpedient to adopt any measure which will prevent or retard the collection of the Commutation money legally due from the people called Quakers."

(signed) S. Allen R. Munson W. F. Van Amringe Approved

[83] A Resolution directing the Collector of Taxes not to proceed in the collection of the Arrears of Military Fines or Taxes was read and referred to the Counsel.

Alderman Underhill presented a resolution directing an enquiry to be made as to the obligation of the Sextons of the different churches to ring the Bells of the same on the alarm of fire—which was read and referred to a Committee of Alderman Underhill Mr. Kip Alderman Munson

The Comptroller reported, as follows:

Balance in Treasury 27th July	265.75	
Recd for Rents	3411.38	
" " Streets	6100.	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.	
" " Tavern Licenses	44.10	
" " Mayoralty Fees	253.75	
Loan of Mechanic's Bank—Ordd 15 June	20,000.	30,674.98

Accounts Audited.

S. Allen Esqr. Chairman Finance Com. for Institution instructn Deaf & Dumb Ordd July 13. Warrant issued July 29	500.
[84] Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd— do. 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower— do 3d "	413.
R. Graves—Asst St. Comr 2 qrs. Sal. 1st inst	750.

Jac. Morton—Clerk of Common Council and receiving Clerk—1 qr. 1 inst	312.50	
Wm Hoogland—Keeper Penitentiary & 3 Assistants—1 qr. 1st instant	587.50	
G. Sickels—Keeper City Prison and 2 assistants—1 qr. 1st inst.	350.	
Jno. Burger—regg public Clocks—1 qr. 1st ins	66.66	
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper Potters field—1 mo. to 1st instant	46.50	
S. McCormick—Keeper of Park 1 month to 1st instant and grass-feed	51.75	
N. Phillips, Subscription to Advocate 6 month to 1st instant	75.	
Thomas P. Low—printing for Corporation 3 months to 1st instant	300.75	
Reubn Stevens—posting bills—3 mo. 1st inst	30.	
Thos. C. Morton—Materials for Standard of 3d regiment Artillery	116.97	
Hugh Smith—paving Water Street from Clinton to Corlaer Street	500.	
Chs. Mooney—Acct. filling Collect St	500.	
[85] John Stanley—regulating Bond St	400.	
Thomas Scott—paving South Street	300.	
Jac. C. Mott & Associates for Sundry Assessts	261.	
James Pinkney—paving Orange St	200.	
Terence Tiffany—regulating Sheriff St	200.	
Mary Golden—Exec. Wm Golden—bal. pavg Hudson St. from Duane to Chamber St	177.70	
Chs. Mooney—pavg part of Provost Street	150.	
Hugh Smith regg Leonard Street	100.	
Jno. Culbert—repavg Intersecn Grand & Rynder Sts	29.26	
Cornelius Clark—pavg Intersections	4.18	
Robt. Pettigrew—bal. Well Rivington St	89.25	
Geo. Charlton—Acct. Well in Mill St	80.	
Robt. Pettigrew—Well in Cannon St	63.	
Hill & Ayres—filling Dey St. Basin	1000.	
J. McComb—Earth delvd at Charlton St. Block	1500.	
Thos. McCready—delivg Tickets at do	57.50	
Danl Biggs—Work at Lamps—3 mo. to 1 Aug	46.58	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt reprs. for Docks & Slips	1400.	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. reprs. for repairs	800.	
Rich. Furman—Supt of Alms-house	5400.	
W. Fish. Treasurer—to pay 24 dividend City Stock due 1st August	12000.	30,659.85
	Balance	$15.13

Adjourned to this day fortnight 5 o'clock.

[86] In Common Council Aug. 24. 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calender of persons confined in the Bridewell or City Prison returned to him by the Keeper with the following observations thereon—Whereupon the subject respecting Slaves was referred to the Committee on Laws. The remarks follow:

"The Mayor has nothing to remark of this Calender further than that it is gratifying to observe that the charges for high crimes are, considering the extent of our population, [87] but few, And to recommend to the attention of the Committee of Laws the case of the Slave whose name is reported in the Calender, that it may be ascertained by what authority the City Prison is rendered subservient to the authority of Slave holders."

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden.

A Petition of Philip Brasher for a Vault in Chamber Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of George Camerdener for a Stall in Washington Market or in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street, of Staats Dawson for Stall No. 30 Fly Market—of Isaac Varian and Henry Spicer for Stalls in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street—of John Glashong for Stall No. 4 in Spring Street Market—of George Limbert for Stall No. 41 in Washington Market, and of Thomas Vermilyea for a Butcher's License—and a Complaint of the Inhabitants near Catharine Market of Waggons encumbering the Streets and Side-walks were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial of Benjamin Watson, Register of Dogs, [88] stating that from the opposition he has met with he is not able to enforce the

laws respecting dogs without some aid, was read and referred to the Police Committee with authority to direct such aid to be afforded him as they shall judge proper and expedient.

A Petition of Anthony Tieman, stating that he has in his employ in grinding Paint Colors a number of Dogs, and praying said dogs may be exempted from the Tax upon dogs, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Remonstrance from Cornelius Vanderbilt and others against granting the prayer of the petition of Aaron Ogden for accommodation for his Steam Ferry Boat at Whitehall, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A presentment of the Grand Jury presented to the Court of Sessions held in the Commencement of this month was presented by his Honor the Mayor, read and ordered to be filed.

A Proposal to the Common Council, to purchase an elegant Brass 32 pound cannon was read [89] and referred to the Committee of Defence.

A petition of William Herriman to be continued as a City Weigher of Abraham Ackerman to be appointed a City Weigher—of John Stuyvesant to be appointed a Measurer of grain—and of John Conover for appointment of Fence and Damage Viewer for the 9th Ward, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

Two remonstrances against raising Roosevelt Street and causing the water to pass over the surface of the Street instead of passing thro' a Sewer or Kennel as proposed by a petition preferred to the Board, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of J. Waterman was received, stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation of a Lot situated at the corner of Water and Roosevelt Streets, that there has been assessed upon said lot toward the expence of opening Roosevelt Street the sum of $515 sixty eight cents, and praying to be exempted therefrom—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well in Willet Street near Stanton [90] Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefore.

A Petition from Resolvert Stephens, Assistant Clerk in the Police, praying on account of the increased duties of his office that his Salary may be increased, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Representation of the Captains of the City Watch of the First District, stating that the Caps of the Watchmen were in a great measure worn out and required to be replaced by new ones, was read and

referred to the Watch Committee with authority to make the necessary provision in the premises, and extending their powers also to the 2d & 3d Watch Districts.

A Petition was received from Thomas Morrell. William Vail and William Hunter, Lessees of Grand Street Ferry, stating that they wished to commence the necessary fixtures for the landing of their Horse boat and requesting liberty for that purpose—under direction of the Street Commissioner: stating also that Mr. Gardner's [91] Pier on the Northeastwardly side was unfinished and created an Eddy which would be prevented by completing the same, and praying the same may be ordered to be done—which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Niobe Minturn was received, stating that Benjamin Minturn, William Minturn and John T. Champlin, as Executors of William Minturn deceased, sold to petitioner Lots of ground on the South side of Front Street between Roosevelt and Dover Streets; that prior to said sale said Executors sold the Lots opposite thereto on the northerly side of Front Street to divers persons, reserving the Water right; that petitioner has recently discovered that upon the petition of said Executors the Corporation have ordered a grant to be made to said Executors of the lots so purchased by petitioner, but that no grant has yet issued; and praying the grant may be now made to Petitioner —And a similar petition from John Patten respecting lots purchased by him of said Executors on the South side of Front Street bounded westerly by the said lots of Niobe Minturn—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Comptroller.

[92] A Petition from Abiathar Rogers, that a suit against him for not regularly reporting passengers might be discontinued, he having made a due report of the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition was received from Jonathan Carlton, stating that he had built a house at the corner of Cliff and Fulton Streets and that a Suit had been commenced against him for said building alleging the same to be in violation of the law to prevent fires; and praying a Committee may be appointed to investigate the same—was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Davis Hunt to be relieved from a penalty recovered against him for exercising the business of a Pawnbroker without a License was read and laid on the table.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Peter Winants—Block Maker—53 Broad St. 1st ward vice John Price—Expelled

[93] "Fire Engine Company No. 13."

Samuel Post—Broker—425 Pearl St. 4th ward vice Nehemiah Areson, Removed.

Jetur R. Rogers—Accountt 58 Catharine St. 4 ward vice William D. Cunningham—Resigned

Richard Ustick—Accountt 53 Beekman St. 2 ward vice Richard M. Bown, Deceased

Valentine G. Hall—Accountt 119 Fulton St. 2 ward vice Joseph Curtis, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 25."

John Seaman—Storekeeper—271 Broadway—6 ward vice John L. Gale, removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 41."

James Sands—Grocer—Delancy c. Willet St. 10 ward vice Robert Stockton—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for a Bulkhead at Rutgers Slip, and a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed—Viz—for a Well and Pump in Mott Street near Chatham Square, and Abraham Bloodgood, [94] John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors: for a Well and Pump in McDougal Street near King Street, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors: for regulating and repairing Frankfort Street from Pearl Street to between Vandewater and Gold Streets, and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for making a road thro' the 9th Avenue from Greenwich Lane to the North side of 28th Street, and for making a Turnpike road thro' 28th Street from the 9th Avenue to the Hudson River, and Thomas C. Taylor, Henry Post and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Cannon Street near Grand Street, and for one in Mill Street—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

The Street Commissioner, on building a pier at Oliver Street, reported as follows:

"The Street Commissioner, in conformity with his instructions has received Estimates for building a pier at the foot of Oliver Street agreeably to the plan herewith, amounting to [95] Thirteen thousand nine hundred and forty one dollars—But several of the proprietors are unwilling to join in carrying out the pier so far; as about 60 feet will be beyond the line of the piers below and be much exposed to the current and ice. They are willing to unite with the Corporation in building one of three blocks and three bridges, making 190 feet, which will be on a line with those at New Slip and which can be executed for $7,000. The Street Commissioner is of opinion that such a pier will afford all the accommodation that is at present required—therefore respectfully submits the above for the consideration of the Board."

(signed) Jno. McComb St. Comr

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed: Viz

1.	Daniel Boyd	Own.		Columbia St.	Lot
2.	Ebenezer Clark	do.		Grand St.	do
3	Robt. M. Livingston	do.		Chapel St.	do
4	Thomas Farmer	do.		Wooster St.	do
5	John McIntosh S. N. Bayard	do. Agt.		Elm St.	do
6.	Davd Hutchins	Own. & Occ.	23	Orange St.	do
	[96] Francis H. Nicoll	Own.	83	Cross St.	Lot.
	Barnes Hatfield	Own.		Broome St.	do
9.	Elijah P. Delaplaine	do		do	do
10	Timothy Chichester	do		Water St.	do
11	Edward Price Stephen Price Joseph Kerr	do. Agt. Occ.	126	Water St.	do
12	A. L. Stewart	Own.		Provost St.	do.
13.	John Ludlam	do.		do.	do
14	Robt. M. Livingston	do		do.	do
15	Richd. S. Kissam	do.		do.	do
16	Ann White Jas. Thompson Jac. Thomas	do Agt. Occ.	83	Nassau St	do

17	Ezra Ludlow Les. Henry Megary J. Best & G. De Grace Les. & Occ.	20	Wall St.	Lot.
18	Mrs. Lilburn Own. Alex[r] Lott Occ.	19	Rose St.	do
19	C. Rush & J. Dias Les. Jas. Casey Occ.	66	Warren St.	do
20	P. Serren Les. H. Davis Occ.	68	do	do
21	E. Price Own. J. Kerr Occ.	126	Water St.	do
22	D. W. Kissam Jr. Own. G. Aster Occ.	144	do	do

(Signed) Geo. Cuming C. Insp.

[97] The Counsel, on the resolution respecting arrears of military taxes due from the Quakers, reported:

"That he has given the subject his consideration and is of opinion that there is no legal mode by which the payment of those fines or taxes in arrear can be enforced. The Act to organize the Militia of this state provides that the Supervisors shall at their first meeting after they receive the list of the Quakers who may refuse to pay military duty issue warrants to the Collectors of the Wards for levying, within 60 days from the time the warrant is delivered to them, the sum of Four dollars of the goods and chattels of each of the persons named in the said list. This is the only remedy which the law has provided for the collection of these fines, and as the period within which the Collectors are required to levy the same has long since elapsed, it follows that they cannot now be collected. The act for the more effectual collection of taxes and Assessments in the City of New York passed 12[th] April 1816 is confined to such taxes in arrear as are laid on lands and tenements, and does not extend to personal taxes. The question whether a suit can be maintained for a personal Tax has never been decided by the Supreme Court of this State. It was once brought before them upon a Certiorari from [98] a Justice's Court, when it was decided that the proceedings had been irregular, and that the judgment could not be sustained in that case, if it could in any for the recovery of a personal Tax. As these penalties were imposed by a statute which has pointed out the manner in which they are to be enforced, the Counsel is of opinion that no other mode of compelling the Delinquents to pay them can be resorted to."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was directed to be filed and the Clerk was directed to give notice to the Collectors not to proceed in the collection of said Arrears.

He also presented deeds from the Corporation to George Bruce of Lot No. 6 in Augustus Street and of Lot No. 7 in Chamber Street —Also a Deed to John and Jacob Shrady of Lots numbered 41, 47. and X. in the Map of Hardenbrook's Farm—which Deeds were directed to be duly executed.

He also reported that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending Anthony Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court—whereupon Morris De Camp was [99] appointed Collector to collect the Assessment.

He also upon the account of the Jurors for valuing property taken for public purposes referred to him at the last meeting of the Board reported that the account does not exceed what has been heretofore taxed and what has been usual to allow them for the like services— which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported therefor. The account as stated was for 5 days service each juror, being 60 days One hundred and eighty dollars.

The Road Committee on the application of Jacob Hyatt for permission to build a Bulkhead and wharf adjoining Spuyten Duyvel Creek near Kings' bridge—reported that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted: which was approved and a grant directed to be prepared agreeably thereto.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of Alien passengers, reported. "That on the 23d of December last a resolution was adopted, authorising his Honor the Mayor to leave it at the option of the Captain or Consignee of Vessels arriving at this port with Alien passengers either to bond in the usual way or pay the sum of Five dollars for each Alien [100] passenger in lieu of Bonds: that comparatively a very small number of the Aliens who have arrived since the above date have accepted of the option to commute, owing, as the Committee are informed, to the disproportion between the sum demanded and the risk to be taken by the persons executing the Bonds.

"The Committee are of opinion that the interest of the Corporation will be promoted by a reduction of the sum to be paid in lieu of Bonds, and therefore, for the purpose of bringing the subject before the Board respectfully propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised to receive from the Captain or Consignee of vessels arriving with Alien passengers Three dollars for each Alien so arriving, in lieu of Bonds; and that so much of a Resolution passed the 23d of De-

cember 1817 as fixes the sum to be received at Five dollars be and the same is rescinded."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier

Approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

[101] The Finance Committee, on petition of Melatiah Nash, reported: "That the amount due from Mr. Nash is One hundred and sixty seven dollars forty seven cents, and ought to have been paid on the 1st day of December 1817: that this money has been advanced to the Contractor by the Corporation long since, and that Mr. Nash has already received an indulgence of more than nine months for the payment of the same, which in the opinion of the Committee ought not to be extended—They therefore recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that the proper Officer be instructed to enforce the payment of the Assessment due from Melatiah Nash for paving Broadway."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier

which was Approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Mary Crooker and Mary Moncrief, reported: "That the petitioners are old Inhabitants of this City and possess little or no property except the part of the lot left them after widening said Street: that the advance asked for is for the purpose of repairing their dwelling injured by removing [102] it from the Street agreeably to the order of this Board. The Committee feel a disposition to accommodate the petitioners, especially when it can be done with so little inconvenience to the Corporation, and they therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to prepare a Warrant in favor of Mary Crooker and Mary Moncrief for two hundred dollars, as part of the sum awarded them for damage in widening Roosevelt Street." (signed) Whole Comm. Which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for Two hundred dollars agreeably thereto.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Patrick Redmond, re-

ported: "That being satisfied of his inability to pay the penalty incurred by landing Alien passengers previous to giving the necessary bonds, and also that his transgression was owing to the distressed situation in which he was placed and not to any premeditated intention to violate the law, have directed the Clerk, at the solicitation of the friends of said Redmond, to receive bonds in the usual way for the passengers [103] by the San Domingo and to release him, the said Redmond from confinement, all which has been complied with." (signed) The whole Committee—Which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Peter Jay Munro and others, presented a report recommending the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Owners of Lots in the 6th ward subject to the payment of an annual wheat rent be permitted to commute for the same on the conditions as follow—that is to say:—the amount of cash to be paid for each lot shall be such as to produce an annual amount of interest at 6 per cent which will be equal to the amount of rent, calculating said rent at Two dollars and twenty five cents for each bushel of wheat annually to be paid for the lots respectively.

"Resolved that the foregoing proposition shall not be binding on the Corporation unless it be acceded to by all the owners of the lots alluded to, and unless the whole amount, together with the rent then due, shall be paid in the Treasury on or before the first day of November next."

(signed) S. Allen—R. Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" S. Akerly. P Mesier.

which was approved.

[104] The Finance [Committee], on the Petition of Catharine Hubbard, reported: "That on the 1st instant the rent due on said lots was Sixty dollars: that the leases held for the same are sealed Instruments and therefore have a preference in law, as the Committee are informed over other debts: and as in the last resort the Corporation have the right to reenter for the non-payment of rent, the Committee cannot perceive any reason why they should accede to the terms offered by the petitioner. They have reason to believe however that the Estate left by the said Ruggles is not very ample and that the lots alluded to will be of little or no advantage to the Administratrix, otherwise the petition under consideration would never have been presented to the Board. The Committee feel disposed, under all the circumstances, to recommend an acceptance of the leases provided the back rent is paid and therefore propose the following Resolution.

"Resolved that the Administratrix of the Estate of the late Ruggles Hubbard be permitted to surrender the lease of certain lots of ground in the Ninth ward leased to the said Ruggles, provided she shall pay all the rent which may appear due on the same at the time of making [105] such surrender and shall make the said payment on or before the 1st day of November next."

(signed) The Whole Committee

which was agreed to.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Charles McCarthy, reported: "That the Gore alluded to was formerly a part of said street and has been assessed to the Corporation by the Commissioners and contains about 260 square feet. The Committee believe it cannot be better appropriated than by adding it to the lot held under lease from the Corporation by said McCarty, and therefore recommend that the same be leased, in conformity with the following resolution, if adopted by the Board.

"Resolved that the gore of ground on the corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Streets, about 3 feet 9 inches in front and 3 feet 6 inches in the rear, extending the whole length of the lot now in possession of Charles McCarty, be leased him at the same rate of rent as he now pays and to the end and termination of his present lease, and that the Comptroller be instructed to conclude the arrangement with Mr. McCarty for the same—provided that the terms hereby offered shall be acceded to on the part of said McCarty on or before [106] the first day of November next."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier

which was approved.

The Special Committee, on the ringing of Church Bells on alarm of fire, reported:

"That they have given the subject due attention, and to enable them correctly to understand the wishes of their fellow citizens, they notified the officers of the different churches and invited a deputation from each to meet with them on Friday evening last at the Alms' House, when the following gentlemen appeared: Viz

Mr. Meelick, Mr. Halsey } from Church in Spring Street
Mr. Havens " Brick Church

Mr. Child Mr. Hardenbrook	North & Middle Dutch
Mr. Mowatt	Wall Street Church
Mr. Carow Mr. Peters	St. George's Church
Messrs. Snyder & Luff	Dutch Church in Nassau St.
Mr. Heyer	do Garden
Mr. Buskirk	Church in Greenwich

[107] "The Committee regret that they are under the necessity of stating to the Board that at the fire on the morning of 19th instant but few of the Bells were rung, and in consequence a large proportion of the Firemen were not alarmed—Yet from assurance given them by the gentlemen attending the Committee they believe a repetition of this neglect of duty will not again take place, as a general disposition appears to prevail to further the views of the Corporation on this subject. With some of the churches it is made an express duty for the sextons to ring at an alarm of fire, and with others it has always been an implied one. The Committee have therefore the satisfaction of stating to the Board that they believe all the churches in future will enforce this duty by giving their Sextons instructions to that effect

To facilitate which, they beg leave to recommend it to be made the duty of the Watchmen at the cry of fire immediately to alarm the Sextons of the different churches in the City."

(signed) Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson

which was approved.

The Committee of Applications, to whom had been referred the petitions of sundry persons for the appointment of City Weighers reported a List of persons [108] whom they considered as suitable for the appointment to said Office—which was read and laid on the Table.

The Street Committee—on the petition of John Mannel for remission of fine—reported that it be remitted to him on payment of costs as he was wholly unable to pay the same—which was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Crosby Street reported as their opinion that said Street should be regulated and paved from Hester to Broome Street—which was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Committee of Arts and Sciences, on the petition of Benjamin Birdsall, reported:

"That a deviation should be made from the Contract price. They

therefore recommend the following resolution:—"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to settle with W. Birdsall, the Contractor for erecting the Iron Railing around part of the Park at 8½ cents per pound according to the Contract," which was agreed to.

(sign'd) Akerly: Taylor: Mesier

[109] The Report of the Select Committee, to whom had been referred the subject of a plan for regulating the Weighmasters, presented on 27th July last and laid on the table, was called up, and, on motion that the Board now proceed to consider so much of the report as relates to the appointment of Weighmasters, was agreed to. The said Report recommended that the number of Weighmasters be limited to fifteen. Mr. Allen moved that the number be extended to Seventeen. On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called by Alderman King, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Aff. Aldn. Morss — Buckmaster — Taylor — Thorp — Munson. Messrs. Bolton — Anthony — Westervelt—Parker—Akerly—Board—Allen

Neg. Aldn. Mesier—King—Van Amringe Mr. Stevens

The Board then proceeded to appoint by Ballot seventeen persons to fill the office of City Weigher, and the following were appointed:

Israel Bedell	Silvester Marius	William Brower
David D. Crane	Augustus Van Horn	James Seaman
Stephen S. Clay	Reuben Wright	Wm Vandervoort
William Ustick	Robert McCullum	Robert Stanton
Patrick Barron	Peter R. Pearsall	John G. Betts
	Andrew Blakely	
	Caleb Coffin	

[110] Alderman Taylor presented the following

"Resolved that John Mannel be permitted to remove his heap of Manure on board of a Boat at the foot of Charlton Street"—which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented a Resolution referring to a Committee to consider and report by Bill or otherwise on the expediency of prohibiting Dyers and others from using the Public Pumps in such a manner as to create Nuisances and from placing Casks and other Articles about such pumps—which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Laws.

An Invitation from Commodore Evans to the Common Council to visit the Seventy four Gun ship now erecting by the United States

in the Harbor on Thursday next was presented by his Honor the Mayor and accepted.

His Honor the Mayor stating that he had received a confidential Communication from the Police Magistrates, the

Doors were closed.

Letters from a Magistrate in Canada to Chs. Christian & Jac. Hays on the means he had & such means as he would pursue to detect certain counterfeiters were referred to the Police Committee.

[111] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 10th instant	$15.13	
Recd for Rents	5183.67	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	70.	
" " Tax of 1817. Fifth Ward	415.15	
" " Arrears of Tax	800.	
" " Common Lands	884.39	
" " Streets	8805.48	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Third Street	92.50	
" " Fourth Street	1500.	
" " Docks and Slips	800.	
" " Wells and Pumps	191.	19,257.32

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st district	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd— do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower— do 3d do	413.
Whitehead Fish—Treasurer—5 qrs' Salary to 1st instant	625.
Richard Furman—Supt of Alms' house and Officers—1 qr. to 1st instant	625.
Garritt N. Bleecker—Comptroller—One quarter to 15th instant	500.
Jacob P. Roome—Superintt of Repairs—one quarter to 14th instant	225.
[112] Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer—one quarter to 18th instant	200.
Wm S. Smith—Collector of City Revenue one quarter to 22d instant	200.
Jonathan Pinckney—City Intendant—one quarter to 19th instant	250.
Bartholomew Skaats—Keeper City Hall—one quarter to 24th instant	100.
Abraham Brevoort—Inspector of Bread—one quarter to 21st instant	97.50
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread—one quarter to 17th instant	91.75

Andrew Van Orden Keeper of Battery—one month to 15th instant	45.18	
B. Skaats—Expences for the Corporation—one quarter to 24th instant	186.41	
Editor Mercantile Advertiser—subscript. 6 mo. 1 Jul. 1818. & adverts Arrears of Tax	183.	
Fine, See & Co. Carriage hire for Road and Alms' house Committees	42.	
Geo. Bowen—Carriage hire on 4th instant	32.50	
Thos. Brown—Music 4th July at dinner	45.	
F. Tillou & N. Eisenhart Attends at Hall on presents Colors to 3d regt Artillery	3.	
[113] Aldn Munson—10 Casks oil—of M. Crosby	988.80	
Geo. Snethen—Supg & lights Lamps—1 mo. 1st inst	788.63	
Thomas Scott—balance on State Street	212.87	
Wm H. Haines—reprs. on bridges at Canal St	6.75	
P. Haines—Comrs' fees & expences in opening 4th and Spring Streets	499.	
J. Forbes—Commrs' fees & expences in opening Henry, Roosevelt and Cross Streets	1280.	
O. Edwards, Counsel fees & Court charges on Spring, 4th, Roosevelt, Henry & Cross Streets	1567.82	
Alderman Munson for Work on 3d Avenue	2000.	
Hugh Smith—filling lot in Leonard St. lien on Estate of Archibald Smyth	197.38	
Hugh Smith—filling lot at Bowling Green—lien on Estate of R. Fulton	132.50	
Hugh Smith—filling lot at Orange Street lien on Estate of Jno. R. Livingston	96.50	
Thos. Barnum—Supg wharves—24 days 23d ins	48.	
And. Hegerman—Collr 8th wd Tax overpaid	743.61	
Jno. Palmer— do. 10th do.	1000.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt reprs. for repairs	700.	
Jac. P. Roome—Engine house at Greenwich	250.	
Richd. Furman—Supt of Alms' house	2500.	
Hill & Ayres—acct. fillg Dey St. Basin	500.	19,176.95
Balance		$80.37